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### PREACHERS AND LAYMEN

The new church house of the First Church was not completed, as many had hoped a year ago, in time for the opening of the Convention, but sufficiently advanced for the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference to be held in the basement. Sufficient also for the visiting brethren and sisters to get some idea of how beautiful and commodious this great plant will be as a representative of the greatest body of Christians in Mississippi, here in the Capitol City of our State. Evidently the committees had done their work well, for everybody seemed happy.

Their joy was first expressed in a burst of song led by Brother Spearman, one of our song evangelists employed by the State Board. He introduced also the Baptist Bible Institute Mississippi Quartet, who pleased everybody. This is a good place to say that we have never had as many singing men at a Convention, and they have greatly helped. Brother C. T. Johnson, evangelist, led in prayer, also Rev. Bryan Simmons.

The first speaker on the program was Pastor L. D. Posey of Itta Bena, who spoke of the necessity of contending for the faith. We hope to have it in full for our readers later. He gave as reasons for contending for the faith: 1. That the opposition to the faith was never so subtle or strong as now. 2. Our responsibility was never so great. 3. Biblical authority is making its last stand in the South. We must give the gospel to the world or die of dry rot at home.

Officers elected were Pastors E. V. May, of Flora, as President; A. S. Johnston, of Mt. Olive, as Vice-President, and R. L. Breland as Secretary. There is usually a "turn over" in these offices every year. The last speaker on this Monday evening program was Dr. C. C. Carroll of the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans. He was like the Mississippi River when it breaks over the levee and covers the earth without following any special channel. For that reason he is hard to report. He is bound to Mississippians by the fact that his father, Dr. B. H. Carroll, was born in Carrollton, Carroll County, Miss., and his mother at Starkville. His subject was The Pastor and Kingdom Finances. He first discussed the Kingdom with Jesus as Lord over all, spoke of the church as the administrator of his will and the pastor as the executive officer in the church. He said he preferred to preach a sermon rather than deliver a lecture, because a sermon is a call to action.

Pastor Patterson, of Anguilla, led the worship period, using the words of Jesus, "Pray the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers", as the basis of a fine exhortation to prayer for our mission fields. After a song by Mr. Turner, evangelistic singer, Pastor F. W. Gunn of five churches in Pike county spoke on the difficulties of the rural field. He said he had nothing to complain of, was the happy pastor of five churches all adjacent with no other preacher to

bother him. The reader will notice that this conference concerned itself chiefly with the country churches and pastors. And the men who spoke knew what they were talking about. Brother Gunn said the difficulties consisted in: (1) The bigness of the country church. Seventy per cent of Southern Baptists live in the country. (2) Lack of equipment. (3) The unenlisted membership. He preaches to 1,200 people. A majority of them are unenlisted. They have not heard the call of God to give the gospel to the whole world. Most of them give nothing to the denominational program. One church has 360 members and the largest Sunday School except one in the county but less than one-third contribute to anything. (4) Lack of consecrated faithful leadership. In one church a faithful woman is worth more than all the rest put together. (5) We need stronger and better men to give themselves to country work; consecrated, intelligent pastors. The country church supplies the world; therefore, the best men should be there. If a church is not developing it is due to the pastor.

This was followed by a lively general discussion, in which speeches were made by Brethren Bryan Simmons, C. T. Johnson, A. T. Cinnamon, C. C. Carroll and P. I. Lipsey. Others wanted to speak but the time was up.

Pastor R. L. Breland spoke on The Qualifications and Work of a Country Pastor. He said the country church is our greatest problem because there are 20,000 of these churches in the South. The pastor is a shepherd, leader; must be with them. In his absence thieves break in and destroy. He must be a sure enough man, with a sure enough message from the Bible. He must love his work and the people. He must have faith in God and man; must teach and train. His work is to preach the word and be a leader in praying and giving. No room for laziness. It is laziness that prevents pastoral visiting. There is a great day ahead for the country church, which has increasing attractions and comforts.

W. L. Meadows of Harperville spoke on the Country Church and Auxiliary Organizations. Grouping country churches is like marrying old bachelors; you have to get the consent of at least two parties. It is as much the duty to train as to evangelize. We must organize to conserve and develop spiritual life. They must be taught or they will not cooperate; and the organizations are a necessary factor in training. Without information there is no inspiration. Victory reacts on training. The greatest instrument a pastor has is his young people. The subject was then discussed by Dr. Dill, who represents the Old Preachers Board and by R. A. Cooper.

Rev. Bryan Simmons made one of the best speeches of the conference on the Country Church and the Unified or Single Budget. It works in his country churches, where the pastor takes his

## Mississippi College Centennial

This is the day, Nov. 19, 1926, to which many have looked forward, and now it is here; and many of them are here. Clinton is in her festive robes and everything is aflutter. The chapel bell sounds and hurrying feet gladly answer the call to early morning service of thanks. This was appropriately led by Dr. M. O. Patterson, and its effect was felt in all the exercises of the day. The College Band is arrayed spick and span in their new uniforms and the cheery notes sounded the call to every new phase of the day's program.

### Hospital Building

At 8:30 A. M. the moving mass of men and women answered the call of music and gathered at the new hospital to dedicate it. Dr. R. W. Hall had had his heart set on this building for years, and his face glowed with satisfaction and joy. After announcements by President Provine and prayer by Dr. Webb Brame, Dr. Hall, who had lived here for 19 years, and for a large part of the time has been college physician, expressed appreciation for help by many, and especially by Pastor W. E. Farr and his church at Grenada, also the cooperation of Mr. B. B. Jones. Appropriately the address was by Dr. Farr, which we give elsewhere, on Jesus went about doing good and healing all manner of diseases. The concluding prayer was by Dr. J. W. Mayfield of McComb.

### The Confederate Memorial

The crowd was growing now and was particularly improved by a large increase in the number of ladies. Hillman College girls were in full force. The ladies were in charge of the program of dedication of the Boulder, which is the Confederate Memorial. We hope to have a picture of this later and give the words graven on this rock. Mrs. A. J. Aven introduced Mrs. O. R. Johnson after reciting the going forth of 108 men in Mississippi College Rifles to the army of Northern Virginia in 1861, only 8 of whom ever came back. Mrs. Johnson made the address presenting the memorial and Dr. Provine responded briefly and feelingly. There was a song by the Glee Club and the band made the people thrill to the notes of Dixie. The address of the occasion was delivered by Dr. D. M. Nelson of Mississippi College, who was properly introduced as the silver-tongued orator of Mississippi College. The unveiling was participated in by Miss Banks and Mrs. W. B. Harris. Two elderly ladies graced the occasion as the representatives of the sixties, Mrs. J. L. Johnson and Mrs. Howard Cabell.

### The Alumni Building

Across the campus the march was made while the motion picture man got in his work. Gov. A. H. Longino presented Prof. R. L. Bedwell, the

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chances with the orphans; the missionaries and all the rest, and he has never fared better. Every

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dollar goes into one fund and is divided on an agreed ratio. The Unified Budget, he said, is as good in one place as another. What is scriptural anywhere is scriptural everywhere. The advantages are: (1) Simplicity, the giver and the treasurer have no difficulty in understanding or dividing it. (2) It makes giving worship. It has been demonstrated in experience, no plan works perfectly, because those who work it are human. The preacher and treasurer must adhere steadfastly to the plan, though at personal sacrifice. There are preachers who collect all that is coming to them, and nothing for missions or orphans. The pastor is the deciding factor in it all. If he is willing it can be done; if not, it won't. The pastor should be willing to take his place by the side of the missionary and the orphan.

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

President May called the brethren to order and Brother Spearman led in singing "Standing On The Promises". Brother D. W. Moulder read the first chapter of Second Thessalonians, and commented appropriately on it. He spoke of Paul's beautiful spirit and commended it to those attending the Convention. He made tender reference to some of the preachers who passed away since we met last, Brethren Bacon, Bell, and others. Paul was thankful for the love of these Christians for one another. They proved their love for one another. He thanked God for their patience in tribulations. He looked forward hopefully to the coming of Jesus. After prayer by B. A. McCullough, Mr. Turner, a song evangelist, played on a handsaw solo, Rock of Ages.

Pastor A. S. Johnston, substituting for H. R. Stone, spoke on Consolidating and Grouping the Churches. He said his qualifications consisted in lack of experience and never having studied the subject. But in spite of this he had good things to say. One difficulty was the independence of Baptists. They will not be dictated to. Adjoining communities often are quite different and so may desire a different kind of pastor. Self-satisfaction is in the way. We are too well satisfied with the status quo, and are unwilling to try any new idea. The consolidated school has perhaps suggested this idea. But the speaker did not favor it as making for efficiency. However, very weak churches unable to support a pastor may adopt the plan with advantage. Another difficulty is sentiment. The grave-yard holds many people and prevents any movement. The advantages are, first, conservation of time and energy of the pastor. It will also save money which can be spent to better advantage. It will develop the people who cannot be developed by the little attention now given them. This was demonstrated out of the speaker's experience. How can it be done? Ans.—Through the pastors of the churches. The preacher must be unselfish, not considering his personal interest. The churches must work through committees. Let these committees hear the preacher and confer.

Dr. Carroll said it was unscriptural for a church to meet less often than every Lord's day; or to have less than all of a pastor's time. Consolidation must be voluntary and not put upon the churches from without. They must see that it is the will of God.

Dr. D. I. Purser of Tupelo spoke on What Can the Town Church Do to Help the Country. He forbade the editor to report his speech in detail, but spoke out of an intimate and rich experience about the work he has been doing and seeing done in some country churches near Tupelo. He has evidently gotten great joy out of his service to these people and it is equally true that they have been greatly edified by his ministry.

Prof. Hubert, President of Jackson College (colored), was introduced and presented his quartet who sang "Nobody Knows the Trouble I See

But Jesus". This was genuinely enjoyed and they were encored, singing "Good News, the Chariot's Coming". This is a good place to say that the Convention was probably never before favored with so many singers. Mr. Alvin Doty was modest enough to keep others to the front. We had quartets from many quarters.

The next speaker for the afternoon, was Brother Eugene Stevens, who spoke on What Can the Country Church Do Locally For Its Own Salvation. He spoke too out of years of experience with the country churches.

First he insisted on good roads as a necessity to the welfare of the country church. Build them away out in the country. Second, the churches need to build better houses. We must be stimulated by the example of the schools and have departments. The houses must be heated properly, and well lighted. We must have good music, including a piano. We ought to have a twelve grade consolidated school in preference to the county agricultural school. Boys and girls ought not to go away from home. They need the church and the church needs them. The speaker has had experience as a good roads commissioner. He believes that the preacher ought to live with the country people and every way identify himself with them. He himself doesn't move around much, but stays at the same house. He believes in the future of the country church. The boys and girls of these country churches are his glory. Don't talk to them about your salary. The people will see that you get a living.

The last speaker on the program was to have been Brother W. W. Kyzar, but he was at the bedside of his father, who is supposed to be dying. Prayer was offered for him, led by Dr. H. M. King. Dr. R. S. Gavin took the subject assigned to Brother Kyzar, The Kind of Evangelism in the Country Church. He said truly it is the same kind we need everywhere; the same that has been needed in all the centuries. Dr. Gavin took for texts the commissions in Matthew and Mark: Gospel preaching, Disciple making, Commandment observing. Men must know they are lost; and that the only hope of deliverance is in the acceptance of Christ. Men must want to be saved; and they must trust Christ for salvation. It is as much the duty to make disciples as it is to be baptized. Paul began the work of making disciples immediately. In all our experiences we are helpless unless the Lord comes to our rescue.

### THE CONVENTION

Early arrivals on Tuesday night might have been disappointed as they saw a small group of people in a great auditorium. But when the music started here they came, like the genuine country people we are till the main floor was well occupied and some in the galleries. Singer Edgar Spearman led the music and introduced a number of other singers. President P. I. Lipsey called the Convention to order promptly at seven o'clock and Pastor E. F. Wright of West Point led a helpful devotional exercise. We then had the two speakers introduced by General Knox to welcome the Convention. These speakers were Prof. W. F. Bond and Mayor Scott. At the end of these three speeches the people were beginning to feel welcome. Dr. J. A. Taylor of Brookhaven made response to these addresses in a brief talk.

The Convention then elected officers, as follows: Rev. J. P. Williams of Mendenhall was elected president. This was a signal honor because Brother Williams was not present, but came in the next morning. It was a well deserved honor, as he has been one of the most faithful servants of Christ among the Baptists of Mississippi. He is the first pastor that has been given this honor in many years. The vice-presidents elected were Rev. M. K. Thornton of Poplarville and Mr. Arthur J. Wilds of Oxford. The faithful and efficient Walton E. Lee was re-elected as clerk. Dr. P. I. Lipsey in a sentence

expressed his appreciation for the honor which had been his of serving as president for two years and turned over the gavel to Vice-President Thornton. The Committee on Committees was appointed, consisting of B. H. Lovelace, J. D. Ray, T. W. Green, W. A. Sullivan and J. H. Lane.

The Convention sermon was then preached by Rev. J. D. Franks of First Church, Columbus. We hope Brother Franks will give us this sermon for all the readers of The Baptist Record. It was second to none we have ever heard at any Convention, and that because it dealt with the main business of Christians, The Saving of the Lost. The preacher has been in the business of saving the lost for all his ministerial life and his church is the active expression of his personal ministry. His sermons bring the lost to Christ, and in his absence laymen in his church carry on.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

Started off with a fine drenching rain, but what are a few drops of water to a Convention of Baptists? Here they come shaking the rain from their raiment, their countenances wreathed in sunshine and smiles, and everybody with a good Christian hand grip. The music of the rain on the roof was answered by the music of glad hearts and lips on the inside in antiphonal and rhythmic response. Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing was the song with which they greeted the morning. Pastor W. P. Price of Magnolia read the scriptures and made a fine inspirational talk on Victory Through Prayer. We can pray for anything we need. Elijah got it and many in our own days have duplicated his success in praying. If we want to see the Kingdom of Christ come, it will come by prayer. Ask of me and I will give thee the earth for a possession. He then led in prayer for the manifestation of the Spirit in our Convention today.

President J. P. Williams then came to the chair and graciously accepted the honor and assumed the responsibility of the office to which he was last night elected. Telegrams were read from Mississippi students in the Bible Institute and in Louisville Seminary and from Dr. H. L. Martin. The Secretary was instructed to make suitable answer to any communications received; also to the Tennessee and Alabama Conventions. Announcement was made that nurses from the Baptist Hospital would be here to attend to any cases of need.

Dr. D. M. Nelson presented the report of the Education Commission's fifteenth year, which was not read but referred to the Committee on Review. Dr. R. B. Gunter presented the State Convention Board's annual report, which was distributed in printed form to the messengers. It contained recommendations and was referred. Dr. W. H. Weathersby presented the report on Social Service and it was referred to a committee. The part referring to prohibition and law enforcement was specially stressed. At this time the rain and thunder made it difficult for those even near by to hear. It is our purpose to publish extracts from these reports later on which will be informing. The Mississippi Quartet from Baptist Bible Institute then outsang the rain, with the song "The Riches of Love in Christ Jesus".

The new pastors in the state were introduced by Dr. Gunter, as follows: F. J. Chastain of Coldwater, N. G. Hickman of Sardis, S. S. Perry of Kingston, Laurel, Parker of Collins, Crittendon of Indianola, Sheldon of Shuqualak, W. C. Hamill of Handsboro, Coker of Carriere, McElroy of Second Church, Greenwood, Kirkland of New Albany, Sproles of Gallman, Collins of Pickens. They were bidden welcome by the president.

Under miscellaneous business the report of the Committee on Statement of Faith for the colleges was adopted and will be published in full at another time or place. The Committee on Committees made a partial report, as follows:



Committee on Nominations—J. A. Taylor, R. Q. Leavell, W. P. Price, J. M. Metts, R. A. Kimbrough, J. N. McMillan, J. M. Walker.

Committee on Review of State Mission Board's Report—E. H. Marriner, A. F. Crittendon, Owen Williams, D. M. Nelson, A. S. Johnston.

Committee on Review of Education Commission—L. G. Gates, W. N. Taylor, Bryan Simmons, J. L. Boyd, F. M. Purser.

Committee on Review of Social Service—J. W. Mayfield, J. W. Lee, J. C. Olander, M. P. L. Love, J. H. Price.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher—H. H. Webb, R. A. Cooper, R. D. Pearson, W. A. Green, D. W. Moulder.

Committee on Resolutions—A. H. Longino, E. V. May, D. I. Purser, J. E. Wills, Jeff Kent.

Pastor B. E. Massey of Algiers, La., expressed to the Convention his gratitude for help in building his church. Seventy-five per cent of the help outside his own church came from Mississippi. First Church, Jackson, and First Church, Hattiesburg, were the largest contributors. His church has had a marvelous growth in a city which had never before had a Baptist church, nearly half of the over 400 members came out of Catholic homes.

Dr. C. C. Carroll was given 20 minutes to speak on the Baptist Bible Institute. He is pastor of a country church in Lincoln County and teacher of Theology in the Institute. He made kind and complimentary reference to the Seminaries at Louisville and Fort Worth. There are 29 Mississippians in the Bible Institute, the first year that they have not led Louisiana in numbers. The Institute stands for the Southern Baptist Orthodox faith, against alien immersion and open communion. We are for the inspired Word of God; in the deity and incarnation of Jesus. We reject all explanation of the origin of man other than his direct creation under the hand of God in his own image. We believe in theology but not as an academic matter. It is the law of man's life, to be embodied in action, conduct and character. There is not a drop of blood in anybody's veins in the Institute that is not missionary, evangelistic and orthodox. We have no endowment; we walk by faith, dependent on current income from the campaign. Our property is worth a million dollars. We need a great library building. We are suffering because of growth. This makes our need.

Last year there were 2,000 professions of faith as a result of the work of students; and we have witnessed the multiplying of Baptists in New Orleans and the rapid increase in the value of the property of the churches. The purpose of the Institute is to send out vital, dynamic missionaries, ministers and church workers.

Dr. Weathersby had charge of the hour given to Social Service. Dr. Sutton, Superintendent of the Mississippi Children's Home Finding Society, was introduced and spoke of his work. He said every Baptist preacher had treated him kindly. He will be glad to speak in the churches, without taking collections. His work is to find dependent children, give them proper medical treatment and get them into good homes. Dr. McComb urged the value of the child that may be saved by giving him immediate care. Dr. T. J. Bailey spoke of the small amount we are now giving to the old and dependent preachers and their widows. But we are reaching many more through the Board in Dallas than we did in former years. Dr. J. S. Dill of Greenville, S. G., spoke as the representative of the Relief and Annuity Board. The Sunday School Board started this work ten years ago by giving \$100,000 for the beginning of a trust fund. Since then the total receipts were \$800,000 for relief, and the annuity department now pays \$500 to those who have taken advantage of this feature and become dependent. The new Service annuity plan included all ages and requires no medical examination. But the preachers must be in the active ministry and have served 35 years.

Pastor H. H. Webb of Liberty spoke on law enforcement, especially emphasizing the preachers' responsibility for encouraging officers and jurymen in convicting criminals and keeping them convicted. The speaker illustrated his appeal by the success of his own recent efforts in putting new strength into the officers of his own county. Dr. M. K. Thornton of Poplarville spoke in the interest of securing proper men to make our laws. Get the best men for this business. Dr. T. J. Bailey spoke on the Anti-Saloon League of Mississippi, of which he is superintendent. The field men were introduced, Drs. S. L. Morris and J. A. Maples.

Rev. Bryan Simmons, for the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital, spoke about its work. He commended the President of the Board, D. C. Simmons, who is putting his great business ability at the service of the hospital. Also Miss Dainwood, the superintendent, whose experience and vigorous management have greatly helped the finances of the institution. Also the work of Mrs. R. L. Bunyard, the religious worker at the hospital. She teaches three Sunday School classes and a daily prayer-meeting, and visits the patients to comfort them in suffering. Also commended the work of Miss Rose. Then he presented some of the 36 nurses who have come from the homes and schools of Mississippi to dedicate their lives to this ministry to the suffering. They take three years of training and serve night and day.

Dr. J. R. Carter made announcement about the cars on the various railroads which bring Thanksgiving gifts to the Orphanage. Judge C. P. Long spoke about the question of disposing of the land belonging to the Orphanage and offered a resolution providing for a committee to investigate the property, of selling the land and investing the proceeds properly. He feels the need of enlarging the home and providing a home and training for more orphaned children. He is ashamed that it takes 1,000 Baptists to take care of one orphan child, and that we have no place to send an unfortunate girl. Auditor's report shows total receipts over \$24,000. There is a balance of about \$2,000. That means that each Baptist gives twelve and a half cents to the Orphanage.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Song service by Edgar Spearman. "Down at the Cross" and "Standing On the Promises" were sung. A. F. Crittendon read Phil. 2:1-10. Some helpful lessons were brought from "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ". The mind of Christ should be that of his followers. He had (1) an unselfish mind, (2) a forgiving mind, (3) a mind devoted to duty.

J. S. Deaton, speaking on Budget and Enlistment work, pointed out three reasons for the difficulty in budgeting our work, (1) lack of a stewardship ministry, (2) the failure to enlist the forces and (3) an improper ratio of distribution of the funds.

Dr. W. H. Knight, pastor First Church, Baton Rouge, La., spoke eloquently on the Cooperative Program.

Rev. T. J. Barksdale of Louisville, Ky., spoke on publications. He said the General Association of Kentucky which met last week was the most peaceful he had ever known. They had the best year ever. As to publications, he said the denominational paper undergirds all our work, overcomes and counteracts the hurtful literature that is so common and so widely read. It also counteracts the hurtful influence of the secular press. It is said that 700 newspapers in America are propagandists of liquor. Surely our principles are worthy of propagation and the press is our chief instrument. Too often it is impossible to come to Jesus "for the press".

Here the speaker made some appreciated remarks about the editor of The Record. The paper is the pastors' great helper in all his work. If the people read the paper they are

already informed and immediately responsive. Without it we pull the load on a cold collar. He concluded with telling a story told by John Allen.

Dr. Marriner reported on Review of the Convention Board's report. Recommended a Christmas Love Offering for the whole program. That a chairman be appointed in every association to promote the canvass. We commit ourselves to the denominational program. Recommend stewardship programs be held all over the state. That a committee be appointed to consider putting all financial programs to be put on under the Convention Board. It is recommended that \$30,000 be set aside from the campaign receipts for the Mississippi Education Board to meet obligations already incurred. The rest be divided half and half to state and South-wide objects. Of the South-wide objects foreign missions to get 56 per cent; home missions 22 per cent; South-wide education 12 per cent; the board of relief and annuity 7 per cent; New Orleans hospital 2 per cent. To objects in the state, 18 per cent to go to state missions; education 23½ per cent; hospitals 5 per cent, and orphanage 3½ per cent. This is recommended provided the total given in the program, exclusive of the Education Commission's part amounts to \$63,000; or a total of \$93,000. This was later amended.

Miss Lackey read the report on the W. M. U., which we purpose to give more in detail later. It was not discussed. Mr. Auber J. Wilds gave briefly a summary of the work accomplished in the past twelve months. The Sunday School work was spoken to by Rev. Wayne Alliston. He told of the county-wide series of Sunday School Institutes in Marion County during the past year and its wonderful grip on the people. Seventy-five volunteer workers offered their services. One good result was locating the unsaved who were brought into the Kingdom in subsequent revivals. Every church in the county has a Sunday School which will run all winter. Mr. R. Q. Leavell spoke on the Daily Vacation Bible School. The children cry for it. As a pastor he declined to hold meetings away from home and stayed with his Daily Vacation Bible School and baptized probably as many as he would have done in the meetings. He took time to learn what it is and how to run it; then he sold it to his own people. More than 200 boys and girls came four weeks for three hours every morning. More Bible teaching is done in four weeks than for a year in the Sunday School. Pastor J. A. Taylor said he would never have believed if he had not seen the work of the Daily Vacation Bible School. Mississippi Baptists have been greatly blessed in their leadership, but in no department more than in the Sunday School work in the person of J. E. Byrd. Our Sunday Schools are raising more money today than the whole church raised a few years ago. They are now soul saving agencies. Byrd has been instrumental in the conversion of 125 people the past year. Church building has been greatly quickened by the Sunday Schools.

F. H. Leavell, Secretary of the Interboard Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke on work among students in our colleges. Here are the coming leaders of our work. Four years ago we tried to acquaint the people with the work. Now all know of it. There are nearly 100,000 Baptist students in Southern colleges. The students are responding to these efforts of the denomination. The work in the M. S. C. W. at Columbus is a demonstration to all the South of what can be done. The girls line up with the church. Too often students check their religion like we do a handbag so that they may not be bothered with it while in college. We are trying to checkmate that. The Birmingham Conference proved that there can be a successful cooperative program conducted by students and the mature people in partnership.

Dr. J. D. Ray of Starkville spoke about the work among the A. and M. students, of whom

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## WAS PAUL MISTAKEN?

Doubtless all would agree that Paul was the first great foreign missionary, the first and greatest among those who have heroically and sacrificially carried the saving knowledge of Jesus to alien races and nations. About this there is hardly room for dispute. So much for his zeal and devotion.

But what of the wisdom of his methods? Is he a good example to follow for all time and among all conditions? Is his way best for us today? What was his method? We had better examine into that, before we can have an intelligent opinion as to its permanent value. Recall his going out from Antioch in Syria commissioned by the church there, but launching out with little assurance of financial support. He had made good locally at Damascus, at Jerusalem and probably back in Cilicia from which place he was summoned by Barnabas to Antioch. Business was fine in the church at Antioch; so good that they needed more preachers and teachers, and Saul (Paul) was sent for. He made good at Antioch. The church grew and prospered every way. It is a very doubtful expedient to send out an untried man or woman as a foreign missionary. They had better make good at home first. Mistakes have been made along this line in our generation.

He's off now to Cyprus, led by Barnabas, a native of that island. What and how does he begin? They proclaimed the word of God in the synagogue of the Jews. They didn't stop there, they went "through the whole island unto Paphos". Read on and you will see that he was preaching and teaching. He didn't build houses, nor even pitch a tent; he took them as he came to them. It was people he was after. He didn't establish schools; though in one place he used a school as a place to propagate the gospel.

Follow him through Pamphylia, Pisidia, Galatia; and then through the western provinces of Asia Minor on into Macedonia, Achaia and to Rome. Always and everywhere he was a preacher and a teacher, whether his congregation was one or a dozen or a hundred. He never stopped. He kept going; he did not build houses, nor establish schools; nor other institutions. He did not apparently believe in trench warfare; he fought it out in the open. Wars are not won in dugouts.

Now there are people today who say that schools are our best evangelizing agencies on the foreign mission fields; that the work of saving the world cannot be accomplished without them. Now we wonder if Paul was mistaken. Was he ignorant of the best way to do the Lord's work? Was he a blunderer? Or have things so changed in the world that the methods of the first century are useless in the twentieth century? We are not opposing schools. We are not decrying Christian institutions of any kind. But we are wondering if these are the instruments ordained of God for most effectively saving

a heathen nation? It was not Paul's way. Is it God's way?

No, we are not trying to destroy anything; nor make anybody nervous. But God is calling a halt today in our mission work, and it is a good time to take notice. God is willing to teach us something if we are willing to learn. There is no use in jumping up and down in our tracks and hysterically yelling about debts and retrenchments. It would be better to inquire of God and try to learn what he is trying hard to teach us. This writer hasn't any more inside information than other folks as to what is the matter. But there is no use in stuffing our fingers in our ears when God is trying to speak to us. God is able to start a great mission movement when we are willing to listen and go the way he wants us to go.

Everybody expected a full and practically unanimous Roman Catholic support for Governor Smith, of New York, both in his candidacy for nomination in the Democratic Convention and, in the event of his nomination by the Democrats, in the general election which will follow. Nobody expects a similar thing to happen if a Methodist, or a Presbyterian, or a Baptist or an Episcopalian should be nominated. In the case of a nomination of a man belonging to any one of these or any other Christian body, the political alignments of men identified with such a religious body would remain practically undisturbed. Whereas, everybody knows that if Governor Smith is nominated, he will command practically the entire Roman Catholic vote, regardless of previous political affiliations. It is this outstanding fact that makes the possibility of his nomination a matter of far more than ordinary political interest. It is somewhat disconcerting, too, to see how the secular press, even in our own State in some instances, seems to be inclined to favor this nomination and to charge all who are opposed to it with religious bigotry. The whole business has not been set before our people as it ought to be. Certainly no man ought to be barred from public office, or from aspiring to public office, because of his religious beliefs, but if his religious beliefs are a sort as to command the united support of all who share his religious opinions and if his candidacy is of a kind that puts religious alignments and sympathies ahead of political convictions, the whole case takes on a different aspect.

—Religious Herald.

Our Convention had three presiding officers, a president and two vice-presidents, elected by the people present, but a large part of the time other people presided.

The daily papers publish the report that a survey of the feeble-minded adults and children in Mississippi was made a few years ago by Dr. Haines, expert of national reputation, under appointment by the legislature, and that for some unknown reason the report has been pigeon-holed. This survey shows a condition of rottenness in many county poorhouses which should shame the whole state. Now it ought to be known who has pigeon-holed the report, and the names of the counties in which these conditions obtain should be published, the names of people in charge of them and the names of the boards of supervisors who permit such things. The way to correct this thing is to publish all the facts.

About twenty years ago, one cold frosty morning, a man who lives in Jackson was walking down State street and met a barefooted boy. He saw the boy was cold and asked him why he did not wear his shoes. His reply was that he had no shoes; he was taken into a nearby store, fitted up with shoes and a suit of clothes.

Financially the world has not dealt kindly with the man who performed that deed. The boy has prospered. Last week the two met; he had not forgotten the kindness of twenty-two years be-

fore. He gave the elder man, whose clothes were threadbare a check for \$100 and told him to buy an entire "new outfit."

Again "bread was cast upon the waters."—Clarion-Ledger.

We have tried by the financial budget to treat properly every denominational interest, giving each department its proper proportion of our money. We hope to see the day when in our conventions each subject will have its proper allotment of time. But when the social service subject was up, nearly all the time was taken up with two subjects under it, leaving the hospitals out in the cold, or giving them so little time that the work was actually belittled. Brethren ought not to rob others.

One of the greatest needs of any Convention is a man who knows how to begin his speech without an introduction, say what he has to say in ten minutes, talking like a house afire, and quit. There are very few long-winded speeches that would not be greatly improved by having the air squeezed out of them and shut up to ten minutes; and some of them to half of this amount.

A custom has arisen in our Convention of turning over the conduct of the business to someone other than the president. It is of questionable value. It is the purpose of the president to preside, and his duties have been reduced to a minimum. The brother in charge hesitates to hold the speakers to the time limit, and as a result the time is long drawn out, or one trespasses on the time of others.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, our former State Mission Secretary, has been elected as Mission Secretary of the Baptists of Missouri, as successor to Dr. A. J. Barton. If he accepts they will find in him a leader worthy of their great state, and thoroughly versed in all its work and sympathetic with its interests.

Many hearers in a great congregation pay no attention as to whether a speaker is sticking to his subject or not. They only ask that he entertain them. One reason we have a presiding officer is to require that a speaker stick to his subject.

Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, celebrated the thirteenth birthday Sunday, having with them former Pastors M. J. Derrick, E. D. Solomon and M. K. Thornton. Letters were read from two others, Dr. E. E. Dudley and Rev. J. N. McMillin.

All subscribers whose label on The Baptist Record shows November 1926, should renew promptly, as Nov. 25th is the last issue in this month. Please take notice and let us have your renewal by return mail.

Twenty-eight were added to the church in Hammond, La., in a meeting in which Pastor H. B. Price was assisted by Dr. B. H. Lovelace of Clinton, Miss.

The one unpardonable sin at a Convention is killing time. If we could all stick to the subject, cut out the stale jokes and drive to the mark.

A good deal of time could have been saved at the Convention if all speakers had left out the remarks about themselves.

Fortunately the old notion that education is limited to a few years at school or college is passing away.

Let us be of good cheer, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come.—Lowell.

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# State Convention Board Department

R. B. GUNTER, Corresponding Secretary

The State Convention Board in its annual session, November 16th-18th, unanimously approved of a Christmas Love Offering for all the causes and asked that all the departments of the Convention Board give as much time to the promotion of this offering as possible. Please bear in mind that this is not a Love Offering for Foreign Missions, but an offering for Foreign Missions along with all other causes fostered by our Cooperative Program. The funds sent in will be divided on the percentage basis just as all other budget funds. The aim is to collect all unpaid pledges by Sunday December 26 and to obtain an offering from every church and every member where no pledges have been made, and if there are those who have prospered beyond their expectations during the year and desire to make an offering over and above the amount pledged, they will have opportunity to do so and same will be divided on the percentage basis, if not otherwise designated.

The Convention also elected a man in each District Association whose duty it shall be to organize for, and lead in, the every member canvass for pledges for the year 1927. The churches are expected to begin making their pledges Sunday Nov. 28 and to complete the work by Sunday December 5th. In the event the work has not been completed by December 5th, the organizers are earnestly requested to continue to push it until every church has been heard from. The churches are being asked to report to the County Organizer the total amount pledged for denominational work. The County Organizer will then report same to the Convention Board. A list of said Organizers will appear from time to time in the Baptist Record so that pastors and churches may know with whom to communicate. The Organizers will please order at once as many pledge cards as they think will be required by the churches of their respective associations. These cards are furnished without charge to the churches. In the event all the cards are not used they can be returned to the State Board for use in the future.

We have closed a good year's work. We are on the upward trend. Our work is constructive in its nature. We are expecting a still better year for 1927. By working together to that end we may expect it. The saying, "Together we stand, divided we fall", is just as applicable to our Lord's work as it was to our national interests in the early days of our country.

The percentage of distribution for the 1927 funds will be the same as for 1926. This allocation was approved by the State Convention in its recent session.

With special campaigns behind us we should expect to contribute through the Unified Program next year at least \$400,000.00.

## MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE CENTENNIAL (Continued from page 1)

President of the Alumni Association, on an improvised platform in front of the Alumni Building, which is the most beautiful on the campus and unsurpassed anywhere so far as this scribe knows. Reference was made to the fact that every permanent building on the campus except the Chapel has been placed here in the past 25 years or less. There were two addresses made, one by Dr. S. W. Johnson, the other by Dr. B. W. Griffith, both of Vicksburg. These addresses will be found in another part of The Record.

### Welcoming Service

Next the College Chapel was the place of gathering and it was crowded to the doors. Indeed no such throngs have ever been seen on the campus before. Loyal sons were there who had seen service in many lines in almost every longitude and latitude. How gladly they would have been, every one of them, to voice their joy in a speech, and all did in private, but not all could be heard publicly.

President Provine presided. He said Mississippi College is about the seventeenth in America to attain the age of one hundred. The State was only nine years old when it was launched. The Nation was only fifty years old, and had a much smaller territory than now and a sparse population. In 1918 in 24 hours after a state of war was declared 155 young men in the college offered their services to their country. Some never came back. Many sons have gone into the life of the nation.

Response was first made by Dr. Charles Hillman Brough, born in Clinton, graduated from Mississippi College and Johns Hopkins and Mississippi University Law Department, teacher, Ex-Governor of Arkansas and orator. Gov. Brough said he was a very sick man, but nobody who heard or saw him would think so. He made beautiful reference to the members of his class, to Dr. Webb whose salary began at \$600 and never went above \$1,500; also to Drs. Venable, Lowrey, Provine, Aven, Sharp, Eager, Timber-

lake, O. M. Johnson, F. L. Riley and Latimer. He stressed the value of the literary societies that produced Longino and Whitfield, and paid tribute to the Rifles and Invincibles, to Ratliff and Griffith.

Dr. R. B. Gunter spoke for the churches of the State on what the churches expect of the colleges. He said Life is reciprocity. In school work there is an exchange of commodities. The churches contribute their money and their children. They expect men tested and trustworthy. Education has changed from merely intellectual development to moral and physical. We want not "stars" but soldiers. It is better to be right than rich; faithful rather than famous. We want Christian statesmen, men who can cooperate with their brethren in promoting the Kingdom of God.

Dr. J. W. Cammack, Secretary of the Education Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, made a brief but strong address. He quoted Gen. R. E. Lee as saying, "The education of all the people is the best means of promoting the welfare of the South". He enumerated a long list of Baptist Colleges in the South of which there are 117 and brought greetings from them all.

Prof. R. H. Watkins of Laurel spoke of his pleasant association with Mississippi College in various ways for 25 years, of the large number of teachers and preachers sent out who have greatly influenced the life of the State. Messages were ordered sent to Governor Whitfield, F. M. Mosely (and old alumnus of Newton), and to Dr. R. A. Venable. Prayer for those who were kept away by sickness was led by Dr. T. J. Bailey.

Dr. Bruce Payne of (Peabody) University of Nashville said a hundred years alone did not constitute a reason for celebrating, else the penitentiary and the saloon would celebrate. But there is involved in this celebration a worthy life and purpose accomplished. The men who have been here have carried its culture and ideals out into the practical affairs of life.

Dr. Provine read a list of colleges, a hundred

or more, which have sent messages of good will, from Maine to California. Representatives of many colleges on the platform were recognized: Drs. Key of Millsaps, Rutger of University of Indiana, Mrs. F. P. Foster of Wesleyan, J. C. Fant of M. S. C. W., A. B. Butts, W. A. Hancock, Dr. Price of Fort Worth, John Latimer of Vanderbilt, Dr. Eager of Louisville, L. T. Lowrey, J. L. Johnson, G. Y. Gillespie, B. M. Walker, Dr. Hawkins of Whitworth, Provine of L. S. U., and two representatives of the secular press, and Dr. W. T. Lowrey.

Dr. W. T. Lowrey introduced Hon. W. M. Whittington, an alumnus, President of the Education Commission and Congressman from the Third District. Mr. Whittington said: "This is a high hour on a great occasion, the Centennial of the noblest and best college in Mississippi. We must perpetuate her traditions and advance her ideals. The eyes of Mississippi College men over the world are toward this place today. We are treading on sacred ground. The best days of our lives were here, days of fellowship. Other days pass in review before us today. A hundred years means much in the life of a nation and more in an institution. The world of Washington is far other than that of Coolidge. Necessities today were luxuries yesterday. Most of our utilitarian inventions were unknown when the college was young. War implements then were 2,000 years old; so were scholastic ideas. Contrast the present day consolidated school with its ancestor of a hundred years ago.

"Education and Christianity have not failed; but we need to examine the underlying fundamentals of both. Present day modernism is ancient infidelity. Those who teach and preach should know the truth, and stand for that only. We stand for investigation, but we hold fast to that which is true. The ideals of Jesus alone are permanent. The cross alone leads to the crown. That was his one method of conquest. There is much dissatisfaction with present day education. Crime is increasing. Many arch-

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500 are classed as Baptists, most of whom are members of the church. A truck brings them to church morning and evening. Three students are employed by the board and church to work among their fellows. They register all Baptist boys, help them and get them to church. As many as 200 of them have been in Sunday School. Over a hundred come every Sunday. Parents write to the pastor and he helps their sons spiritually. Some of them feel that their Christian training has been as helpful as any part of college life.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT

These Baptists believe in the perseverance of the saints and practice it. Here they come pouring early into the auditorium after holding on to a late afternoon session. They were joyful and musical, for when the song "I Am Thine, O Lord", was started they swung in with a will and then more of them and louder on "I Am Bound For The Promised Land".

Dr. J. S. Riser, pastor of Fifteenth Avenue Church in Meridian, led the devotional service, reading from the twelfth chapter of John, speaking specially of the verse "If I be lifted up will draw all men unto myself". Jesus draws men by his sufferings, by his supplying all our spiritual needs, by the working of the Holy Spirit, by the lives of Christian people. The quartet sang "Lord, Is It I".

Dr. W. A. McComb presided during the Home Mission hour. He introduced Dr. B. D. Gray as a Mississippi man who has for a quarter of a century led the Home Mission forces. Dr. Gray said his grandfather was a member of the constitutional convention when Mississippi was admitted as a state in 1817, and he is as bad as a Virginian about bragging on his native state. He chose to speak on Baptist Policy, which is a democratic independence that goes all the way through, side to side and top to bottom. Among us are both rights and privileges. Our cooperation is not compulsory, but voluntary. The voluntary principle is of higher obligation than the compulsory. A woman said, "I would not surrender the privileges I enjoy for all the rights that might be conferred".

He then read facts about the serious situation of the Home Board as appeared in The Record last week. Every state capital in the South except Frankfort, Ky., has been aided by the Home Board. Jackson and Clinton and Natchez and New Orleans have been aided. The Bible Institute in New Orleans was made possible. The people were held in the grip of Dr. Gray's eloquence to the end. A special prayer for Home Missions was led by Dr. M. O. Patterson. A collection was taken for the B. B. I. Quartet as an expression of appreciation for their services during the Convention.

President J. P. Williams introduced Dr. E. Y. Mullins as the outstanding Baptist of the world; president of the Louisville Seminary, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the Baptist World Alliance. Dr. Mullins spoke of Mississippi as his birthplace. His father was a preacher and with his mother dedicated him to the ministry in his infancy. His father was a Mississippi College man. He feels that he is coming back home. He has just returned from his visit to Baptists of Europe. He hastens tonight back to Louisville where there are 385 young preachers. The faculty is trusted as thoroughly loyal to the fundamentals dear to the hearts of Baptists. The new plant is incomplete, and homes must be provided for the faculty. You are invited to visit the Seminary in May when the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Louisville.

Dr. Mullins spoke on Baptist Principles as they are illustrated in the Baptist people of Europe. He was in Europe also in 1920.

Nobody knows all the causes or consequences of the world war. Europeans do not. They are confused. Great forces came into collision. The

trip began in Spain and went northeast through Europe, back through England. He went by request of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. There were five or six in the party, Americans North and South, and British. Regional conferences were held in many places and people came from all quarters. They are making marvelous progress. At Barcelona in Spain opposition was made by the State Church. The British consulates aided, and opposition was withdrawn. Baptists are asking liberty in Europe as Catholics are in Mexico. Catholics deny liberty when they are strong and demand it when they are weak. The meetings could not be called conferences or congresses, but meetings for worship.

In Barcelona a young man was found who has been mighty in evangelism, a spiritual hero, greatly persecuted. He was led into the ministry by a speech by Dr. Mullins six years ago. In Budapest the biggest hall in the city was secured for the meetings. There were 3,000 people present, not all of them Baptists. The Hungarians had a magnificent chorus of 200 voices and many instruments; good enough to be heard anywhere. We stayed till midnight. That is the custom. They sang Handel's Chorus from the Messiah gloriously. At Lodz in Poland there was a great organization. They have little or no heat on trains or in hotels or other public buildings. He went to the only Baptist hospital in Europe. In Latvia another meeting was held with audiences of two to four thousand for three days. It is a little republic carved out of Russia on the Baltic. They have religious liberty. The president of the republic sent a personal greeting to Dr. Mullins. Their flag very properly represents the sunrise. These little republics are destined to be Baptist countries for there is much water there. This is true of Estonia also. A pastor of a Baptist church here is a great financier and mayor of his city. There were 250 Estonians who came to the meetings in Latvia, and were shown many favors by the government in going. These things were quite in contrast with conditions in Spain and Poland.

In Konigsberg, East Prussia, the biggest hall in the city was packed to the limit with most sympathetic hearers. Similar experiences in Berlin, Copenhagen and London. The Westminster Chapel was secured, seating 4,000. Lloyd George presided. Many could not secure admission.

Europe needs what we can do for them. There is a great Baptist movement in Europe. It is spontaneous. A group gets hold of a New Testament and the trouble begins. Many countries furnish illustrations of this truth. The Baptist cause has been helped by the exposure of the superstition and corrupt practices of the state churches. Also the flexibility of our church policy. Our autonomy appeals to these people. We are answerable to God directly and to God alone. Baptists cannot be swung politically as a group. They cannot be handled or manipulated. Persecution has helped Baptists in Europe. This is true everywhere. Rumania is as pitiless in persecution as ten years ago. 3,500 were baptized in Rumania in 1925. Approach to Queen Marie will probably accomplish nothing. Other Baptists are going to do all possible for the relief of their persecuted brethren in Rumania. A memorial will be sent to the League of Nations, protesting against the wrongs done our brethren. The Rumanian Government is violating her treaty obligations. It has promised religious liberty, but not given it. Our chapels are closed; workers are jailed; preachers may not travel; Baptist children are not given the same school privileges as others. The country is 500 years behind the times in religious liberty. But they are amenable to public opinion and that is our weapon. Dr. Mullins spoke for an hour and a half and kept attention to the end.

## THURSDAY MORNING

Not many but much would describe the group

which began the worship on this last day of the Convention. The rain of yesterday morning had given way to glorious sunshine, and a good white frost and crisp air quickened everybody physically and mentally. Dr. T. W. Young of First Church, Corinth, called the people to prayer, insisting that our time should be given to praying. He called on Brother Franklin, and read Philippians 2, and asked Pastor J. J. Mayfield to pray. Dr. Young's message was based on Paul's words, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord". Prayer was led by J. A. Taylor of Brookhaven.

The Committee on Nominations read their report, as follows:

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Next year the Convention meets at Grenada. The preacher is L. G. Gates; alternate, R. R. Jones. Telegrams from Dr. G. H. Crutcher and the Alabama Convention were read.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by J. A. Taylor. This is our most genuinely Christian work. The last will and Testament of Christ. We have workers in 13 countries; 191 married men as missionaries, a total of 500 missionaries, besides many native helpers.

The Committee on Review of the Convention Board's report re-read their recommendations and they were explained by Mr. M. P. L. Love. The purpose of the sixth recommendation, about which there was discussion, was to provide for our colleges in Mississippi an amount sufficient to secure their standardization and an amount sufficient to pay their bonds as they become due. The practical effect of the change in distribution is to increase the percentage given to our colleges from 23 per cent to 33 per cent, based on receipts for the year 1927 of \$300,000 in Mississippi for the cooperative work. Many questions were asked and answered. Rev. Bryan Simmons spoke against any action that would destroy the budget, which we have spent years in building up. He proposed as a substitute the budget as it is, and to authorize the Education Commission if necessary to meet their obligations up to \$93,000. After an hour and a half of discussion and some confusion, the report was amended by a substitute offered by Rev. B. Simmons, which was as follows. The whole report then was adopted unanimously.

"We recommend that the Convention Board be instructed to distribute the funds received (save special offerings) according to the percentages adopted by this Convention in its session one year ago, both as to South-wide objects and as to objects within the State; and in case the percentage allotted to Christian Education is not sufficient to meet the present assumed obligations of the Education Commission, the said Commission be instructed to borrow sufficient funds to make up such deficit up to \$93,500.00."

The time for the address by Dr. Leavell having been used up he was invited to speak now for 30 minutes and again tonight for whatever time was available.

This is his first opportunity to speak to a Mississippi Convention. He spoke with tenderness of Bro. S. E. Travis, who made it possible for him to go to China in 1912. He brought greetings from L. P. Leavell, who was commissioned 25 years ago as a Sunday School missionary in Mississippi. He is still working with the Sunday School Board and though afflicted hopes to work many years yet.

He told of bandits on the West River in South China whose work sent many soldiers to the hospital, of which Dr. Leavell has charge. This

## Budget Department

By J. S. Deaton, Director of Stewardship and Budget

"Every member of every church contributing every week to every cause, in proportion to his ability"

### 1,000 BUDGETED CHURCHES BY JANUARY 1, 1927

On July 1st, 1925, the day on which the writer assumed the duties of Stewardship and Budget Director of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, there were 386 churches on the Budget. This number has grown to 530 churches, which have reported to our office as having put on the 1926 Budget. This does not correctly give our present status, for in addition to the 530 churches which have reported the Every Member Canvass for the 1926 Cooperative Program, we have 232 churches which are using the Budget system. In other words, after we had done all in our power to secure reports from all the churches using the Budget there were 232 which did not send in their report, but our books show that these are paying through a budget. If we add to the 530 reporting churches the 232 non-reporting we would have 762 churches contributing through the Budget. This would leave us less than 250 churches to enlist in the Budget in order to have 1,000 churches on the Budget by January 1, 1927.

We should have 1,000 churches reporting themselves as on the Budget by January 1st, 1927, and will have if the pastors and committees, who have this matter in charge in their respective churches, will cooperate with us, and do their best.

#### SOME SUGGESTIONS:

1. Let every church, which has not adopted the Budget do so and make the Every Member Canvass at the time set by the State Convention. Our most aggressive and best organized churches are coming more and more to the Unified Budget. This plan is being used by nearly one-half of our churches. If your church is not on the Budget it would be well for you to have a day, or two, or even three days institute would not be too much, at which time the Unified Budget will be placed before your people. After the plans have been thoroughly discussed and digested a committee should be selected to make the canvass. This committee should be thoroughly drilled as to the amount and objects to which the money is to be contributed. The total budget should be agreed upon and divided as nearly as possible on the 50-50 basis, that is—50% for Southwide interests and 50% for local interests. This is a matter, of course, to be settled by the church. Every church should be glad to give all that is pos-

sible to the Cooperative Program. For the information of all committees who may serve in this particular work, we give below the allocations for Southwide objects:

Foreign Missions.....	50
Home Missions.....	22½
Relief & Annuity Board.....	9
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.....	5
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.....	4½
Baptist Bible Institute.....	3½
Educational Board.....	2
New Orleans Hospital.....	2
W. M. U. Training School.....	1
American Baptist Theological Seminary.....	½

State objects:

State Missions.....	17
Christian Education.....	24½
Baptist Hospitals.....	5
Baptist Orphanage.....	3½

The above percentages for State objects are taken from the 1926 list, and may be changed by the State Convention this year, but not very much change will be made, if any. It will be the duty of the committees to divide the territory of the churches into as many sections as may be necessary and appoint a captain for each section, who will see that his section is thoroughly canvassed.

2. After the canvass has been completed it will be the duty of each captain to report the amount subscribed to the pastor, or the director, of the several committees, who will report to the Stewardship and Budget Director. A report card for the entire association will be in the hands of the general director, and should be filled out immediately upon the completion of the canvass. This is a very important matter, and we want to urge that the report be sent in at the earliest date possible. We do not want to delay the reports as we have been doing heretofore. Will you not, therefore, cooperate with us so that all reports may be in our hands by January 1st?

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#### A VISIT TO LUMBERTON

The Baptist Church at Lumberton closed a week of dedicatory services on Nov. 14. We had the privilege of speaking to the church at the eleven o'clock hour. They put on the Every Member Canvass from two to five in the afternoon. The enthusiasm and spiritual tides were running high at the close of the morning worship, and they were anticipating great success in the canvass. Their new church building is a thing of beauty, and should prove to be a joy forever to them. Pastor Materne is leading this wide awake and aggressive congregation in a great way, and he is held in high esteem by them.

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and costs Americans nothing for operation. The evangelistic work is as systematically organized as the medical work. More people were baptized as result of work done there than in the church near by. He plans to go back next Summer, that Jesus may be lifted up among those people. God alone can save a soul; but God alone never saves a soul.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The college men were conspicuous among the few early gatherers to the afternoon session, as this was their hour. The singing had to be encouraged a bit. Brother Caughley not appearing to conduct the worship, Brother J. A. Lee was asked to take charge of it. The Clarke College Quartet rendered a good song, "Work, Watch, Pray".

Dr. D. M. Nelson had charge of the program and introduced the presidents of the colleges—H. T. McLaurin, L. T. Lowrey, J. L. Johnson and J. W. Provine. Each said he had the best report ever. It was said that Mrs. J. M. White of to secure the \$200,000, to which \$100,000 is to be added by a bond issue. Everybody rejoiced. Mrs. J. L. Johnson also spoke of the religious work West Point had given the last \$4,000 necessary in the Woman's College. The necessary resolutions were passed to authorize the issuance of the \$100,000 bonds for Blue Mountain College.

After addresses by representatives of the colleges and the Education Commission, Mr. B. B. Jones was introduced. He is president of the Feild Cooperative Association and has been a liberal giver to many colleges in Mississippi, including three of our Baptist colleges and students in many institutions. He was introduced as the best friend of the college boy and girl in Mississippi. He began by saying he was tired. He had worked for sixty years and has seen more time wasted in throwing bouquets in Jackson in the last 48 hours than he has ever seen. He made very complimentary reference to Gov. Whitfield. He has greatly improved since he left off being college president. Mr. Jones did not get a college education. In his boyhood most people lived in the country and made an honest living. More people live in town today. Education and machinery are responsible for the change. Things are getting better and the future is in the hands of the present college boy. He wants to help the alumni of all these schools to build up these schools. Baptists are 55 per cent of Mississippians but have much less than that of college property. Cooperation will bring us out of our difficulties.

The eyes of Southern States are on Mississippi. These college people must not have curb bits put on them; just turn them loose and let them go. The number of students being helped by the Feild Cooperative Association has grown in three years from 200 to 500. If we help the students we want to have good schools to send them to. It is better to lend the students money than to give it to them. The best investment of money is to put it into people. Mr. Jones was given a genuine ovation.

Dr. J. W. Cammack, Secretary of the Southern Baptist Education Board, was introduced to make a five minutes speech. He announced the literature recently issued by his Board. Dr. Cammack did not have time to develop his educational ideal, but said that Baptists today are headed for the rocks unless we change our educational plans. He said we cannot educate everybody everywhere. We should like to hear from him further.

Pastor L. G. Gates spoke to the report of the Review Committee. He said we are not for education at the expense of evangelism. We must not expand in one direction at the expense of other objects. The committee recommended that no financial campaign be started this next year except authorized by the Convention; and that the alumni associations keep the letter and spirit of these recommendations. We must not do vio-

lence to our missionary program.

Dr. F. M. Purser of Oxford, also a member of the committee, spoke in defense of its provisions. He favors the schools in Mississippi; but pleads that no damage be done to the schools in Brazil and China. The field is the world and not some section or department. He said his church would be opposed to adopting a budget and then proceed to tear it to pieces by special appeals.

Mr. Whittington stated that the Education Commission had never projected a campaign without Convention endorsement; nor have they approved of any by the colleges.

Dr. W. T. Lowrey moved to cut out the part of the recommendation forbidding alumni to refrain from special campaigns. Motion prevailed.

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criminals are university graduates.

"In the infancy of public schools morality went hand in hand with mental training. It is today neglected. The spiritual must stand side by side with the mental. Athletics is not an end but a means to an end. It is far better to lose than not to play fair. Much of former home training has been transferred to the school. Less attention is given to moral and religious teaching than any other first class country in the world. Education is not enough. Edith Cavell's last words were 'Patriotism is not enough'. If morality is not taught in youth, it will not be practiced in age.

"We are suffering from the perils of scepticism, agnosticism and materialism. Four years of war proved the worthlessness of materialism. The home, the foundation, is in peril. Brice said, 'The ills of democracy are not so much political as moral'. We must train the impulses of the soul. Our hope is in Christian Education. Baptists are for the public schools, where everybody is on the level. But we are delighted to supplement our taxes with our gifts. We may not need more Christian colleges, but we need to make them more efficient. Our hope is in the right kind of teacher. This is of more consequence than the kind of text books. If the Bible has been taken from the public schools, it must be enthroned in the churches. The ordinary time of Bible study in Sunday School is not enough. Our schools must have no substitute for God. Have only Christian teachers, and a church close by every school. Carry on religious work in state schools by denominations."

The great throng of people was served dinner on the college campus. The class organizations ate in the dining-hall, tables being arranged for classes. Others were served from the "lower chapel".

In the afternoon a band concert delighted all comers and a good social half hour was spent. Mr. B. B. Jones spoke at the dedication of Chestman Hall, the new dormitory just completed. He seemed happy to have a share in all the work done. Commended the spirit of cooperation and harmony. He said this recent work was unsurpassed in American college history, and he is determined to help as long as he lives. An administration building is needed. Get together and start. Everybody ought to read the Life of George Peabody. Every boy has the chance to be a great man. Wealth is a lever to lift the world. The wealth of an honest man turns paper into gold. He expressed confidence in Provine, Gandy and the students who had been aided. Any capable boy or girl can get help. The Feild Cooperative Association is for that purpose. There is now need to provide adequate equipment in the colleges for those who go. He said those to whom loans had been made are already repaying them. School boys and girls have shown a readiness to help the colleges financially. Others ought to do likewise.

## FRIDAY NIGHT

In the afternoon a football game was played between Mississippi College and Louisiana College. The former won, but we leave the descrip-

tion of it to others who know more about it. At night the great old chapel was filled to suffocation for a variegated program of great interest. The Glee Club under Prof. Fr. Slater gave a splendid program. There was no more enjoyable feature of the whole Centennial than this. There were about 30 voices and they put all they had into the music and showed excellent training. The solos by Mr. Davidson Taylor and Prof. Slater were greatly enjoyed. Prof. Slater was given a great ovation.

Portraits of three presidents of the board of trustees of the College were presented. Rev. Benj. Whitfield was president of the board from 1854 to 1872. Captain W. T. Ratliff was president from 1872 to 1920; and Dr. B. W. Griffith has been president since that time, a total of 72 years. Judge O. B. Taylor presided. He said there were more Mississippi College men on the campus today than ever before in its history.

Dr. B. D. Gray spoke in presenting the portraits of Captain Ratliff and Dr. Griffith and Mr. Whitfield. The portraits of the last two were made by Miss Emma Whitfield of Richmond, Va. Dr. Gray said that the country from Jackson to Vicksburg and twenty-five miles on each side had produced more great men than any similar space in Mississippi. These men whose portraits you see all lived here, all in less than 25 miles of Clinton. The Baptist Convention was organized in 1837—Whitfield participated. He led many others to become Baptists, who stayed in his home. His high sense of honor was shown in paying security debts which he could easily have escaped.

Capt. Ratliff was president of the board for nearly half a century. Born in Hinds County, educated at Mississippi College, served as a gallant Confederate officer, deacon in his church, Superintendent of Sunday School, president of the State Anti-Saloon League and of the Board of Archives, and commissioner of the National Park in Vicksburg.

Dr. B. W. Griffith is an alumnus of the college. His father was a soldier in the war with Mexico, a brigadier general in the Confederate Army, killed in Virginia. Dr. Griffith is President of the First National Bank in Vicksburg. By motion, Dr. Gray was requested to write his address for The Record and the College Archives.

Dr. Geo. B. Eager presented the portrait of Dr. Walter Hillman. He was happy to be spared for this occasion and entered into the spirit of the occasion with interesting personal reminiscences of college days. He spoke of Dr. Hillman as a student of Francis Wayland, a New Englander who made his work in Mississippi an educational mission, who was president of Mississippi College from 1867 to 1872.

Dr. W. A. McComb presented Pastor L. G. Gates for the final address of the evening, who had the good sense to wake the folks with several good rousing, rollicking stories and then proceeded to drive home the great message. He talked about facing the facts. He believes that all things are possible to us and that our colleges and our people must know each other and must so conduct ourselves as to inspire mutual confidence.

The Centennial Celebration closed very properly with a pageant which had been carefully prepared under the skillful hand of Miss M. M. Lackey and was presented under the direction of Rev. Bryan Simmons as herald. Pictures of people and buildings were thrown on the screen, singly and in groups from the first president of the college to a present day aeroplane photo of the campus. Also there were groups in costume representing the various historic stages of the college history and every department of activity in college life today, including everything from athletics to dogmatics.

And the day is done! Glorious history! A living, moving present! And the sunrise of another century is on! Grateful, praiseful, hopeful! But none of us shall ever see another day like it.

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# NEW ORLEANS EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

Directed by Doctor Ellis A. Fuller  
(By Robert Harkness)

Recently a great State-wide campaign was conducted in New Orleans, in which eleven of our Baptist Churches were united. Under the personal direction of Doctor E. A. Fuller, Superintendent of Evangelism, the Evangelistic Staff of the Home Board, augmented by some

Church	Pastors
Algiers	B. E. Massey
Carrollton	W. E. Denham
Central	W. A. Jordan
Coliseum	J. W. Harvery
First	John Huff
Robert Harkness, Pianist	
Gentilly	E. R. Vincett
Grace	W. J. Clark
Lake View	W. L. Stagg
Napoleon Ave.	W. W. Hamilton, Jr.
St. Charles	W. W. Hamilton
Valence Street	J. L. Wise

As a whole the Pastors co-operated very loyally and wherever such co-operation was in evidence, the work was abundantly blessed.

The presence of Dr. Vines added greatly to the value of the campaign. He made a great impression with his messages and had the joy of seeing many real decisions for Christ.

Dr. Fuller rendered a service to the St. Charles Avenue Church which made the meeting memorable in many ways.

All the other evangelists and singers proved their worth in the service they rendered, and, as the campaign came to a triumphant close with a great mass meeting in one of the churches, Dr. Fuller expressed himself as being well pleased with the results achieved.

## RESOLUTION

I give below a resolution which was adopted last week at the General Association of Virginia meeting in Danville, relative to Dr. A. J. Barton, which I will thank you to print in your paper at your earliest opportunity:

"The General Association of Virginia views with great satisfaction the election of Dr. A. J. Barton as General Director of the Cooperative Program. His deep devotion to Christ's Kingdom and his statesmanlike ability, together with his splendid gifts as a preacher and speaker, seem to us the guarantee of a high quality of service which augurs for the success of our efforts to make more adequate provision for the causes of our denominational program. Dr. Barton's visit to the present session of the General Association and his strong and attractive address on the Co-operative Program have greatly strengthened our support of that great movement. We affectionately commend Dr. Barton to sister states."

Faternally yours,

—Joseph T. Watts.

outside help, laid siege to the City in a campaign, which made a marked impression.

This movement is the first of its kind launched under the direction of the Evangelistic Department, and whilst a keener anticipation of the problems to be encountered might have served a good purpose, it must be said that the campaign, as a whole, was a great success. In each of the following churches the meetings were held:

Evangelists	Singers
E. E. Huntsberry	B. B. Cox
L. B. Campbell	C. B. Hall
Frank Tripp	N. Neson
Rowand Leavell	Male Quartet
W. M. Vince	Dow Mooney
L. R. Shelton	Mr. Rombough
C. C. Wheeler	Mr. Barnes
D. A. Youngblood	W. Grotefend
G. P. White	M. Pearson
E. A. Fuller	J. D. Hoffman
C. W. Knight	D. C. Black

Each morning at 10:30 a devotional meeting was held, at which the various brethren brought timely messages. Each day a devotional hour at the Baptist Bible Institute was in charge of one of the visiting brethren. Dr. DeMent and his faculty were loud in their praise of the services rendered in this connection. One Sunday afternoon a great program of gospel song was rendered in the City Square by the evangelistic singers associated in the campaign. The appreciation of the people was very much in evidence as the message was sung and a testimony given for God. Nearly three hundred decisions were recorded during the campaign and the feeling of the local Pastors was unanimous in an expression of gratitude to God and thanks to the Home Board for the campaign as a whole.

## REV. S. G. POSEY GOES TO NEW ORLEANS

Last Sunday at the morning service the members of the First Baptist Church voted unanimously to recall their Pastor Rev. S. G. Posey for an indefinite term of service. He was holding a meeting in Pascagoula at the time and received an urgent call from the Coliseum church of New Orleans, to accept immediately. At the time he was considering a call from one of the large churches in Portsmouth, Va., and had planned to preach there and look over the situation tomorrow after having declined a call from the church in Natchez, Miss., and also a position on the State Evangelistic Board of this state.

He accepted the call from New Orleans church Monday morning, and will begin his work there tomorrow, having decided it was the place for him. It has been his life's desire to go as a foreign missionary, and the Coliseum church having many foreigners in its membership, especially of Spanish origin, it comes nearer to fulfill his desire than any other field in this country. Another consideration was that, having begun work in the Baptist Bible In-

stitute towards a degree of Doctor of Missions, he could complete that and soon be able to preach to the large congregation of Spanish speaking members of the church who hold their services in the basement at the same time that the preaching services are being held in the auditorium of the church and are now having as their minister a returned missionary from Chile; who is the Pastor's assistant.

It was with the greatest regret that the church in this city received his answer not to remain here. But he will return Tuesday of next week, conduct the meeting on Wednesday evening and preach his farewell sermon on the 2nd Sunday in November. Mrs. Posey and the children will remain in Magee until the home is ready for them in New Orleans.

—Gulf Coast Herald.

## THE HOME COMING OF A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER

(By An Old Minister)

The old minister's father was a Confederate soldier during the stormy days of the Civil War. He was in the memorable siege of Vicksburg, Miss., and was a great sufferer during that awful time. It is said that many of the poor fellows were on the verge of starvation, and that some of them actually ate mule meat, and bread made of the flour of ground cow peas. Before the close of the siege my father was stricken down with a chronic ailment and was sent to the hospital where he remained until the Confederate Army was surrendered to General Grant on the 4th day of July, 1863.

Although he was a mere skeleton and really not able to make the trip, yet as soon as he was paroled he started for home. After walking many weary miles over dusty roads, under a scorching July sun, he paid a planter fifteen dollars (Confederate money) to send him fifteen miles on his way toward home. After trudging other weary miles he had the great good fortune to meet up with a neighbor who had gone out into that section to carry someone, and was returning with an empty seat in his two horse buggy, who kindly offered to bring him home—a distance of about seventy-five miles. When they arrived at the neighbor's home, about two miles from where we lived, he pressed him to stay for dinner—it was right at 12 o'clock—and assured him that he would send him home that afternoon. But father said, No, he couldn't afford to stop so near home, and came right on, so a little after one o'clock my mother, we children and a few neighbors who had come in, were on the front porch and saw him coming, a mere shadow of his former self, and walking at a snail's pace, so to speak. After the happy greetings and after he had partaken of food and had rehearsed some of the trying experiences he had passed through during the awful siege and on his way home, he then told about some Christian people who visited him and the other sick soldiers in

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the hospital. He then sang to us one of the sweet songs they sang, the first and last verses I give as follows:

"O, land of rest, for thee I sigh.  
When will the moment come?  
When I can lay my armor by,  
And dwell in peace at home?"

"Weary of wandering 'round and 'round,  
This vale of sin and gloom,  
I long to quit the unhallowed ground,  
And dwell with Christ at home."

Although this occurred more than 63 years ago, when the writer was not quite ten years old, yet his recollection of it is as vivid almost as if it had been but yesterday.

Little Willie Vaughn rode on a train once, so he says; but he did not tell this part of the trip:

A young lady got on with a little baby and Willie got very interested in the child and he said to the mother: "I hope you are going to bring up this little fellow to be an honest and upright man."

To which she replied: "I am afraid that can't be done."

"Oh, pshaw," said Willie, you know 'as the twig is bent, so will the tree be inclined.'"

"Yes, but this twig is bent on being being a girl, and we are inclined to let it stay that way."

Tourist from the States: "See here, friend, when I was here in 1914 you told me this hotel was 700 feet above sea level. Now you tell me it's over 1,000."

Hotel Proprietor: "But, m'sier, remembre ze war—has eet not mak' evert'ing go up, yes?"—London Passing Show.



## Sunday School Department

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON November 28, 1926

R. A. Venable

#### Gideon and the Three Hundred— Judges 7:1-25.

For lesson study; Verses 4-8, 19-21.

Joshua suppressed the heathen tribes for a season, but did not exterminate them. In course of a generation they became aggressive and overran the country as marauders and freebooters, whose constant forays became a source of terror to the tribes of Israel. These tribes became forgetful of the source of their strength, turned away from the God of Israel, who had led them out of the bondage of Egypt and possessed them of the land of promise. In their repudiation of Jehovah as the source of their strength, they became the devotees of the gods of the Canaanites. As a punishment for their flagrant apostasy God employed these marauding hordes to scourge them for their wickedness and recover them from the corruption of idolatry into which they had fallen. As the people became penitent and cried unto Jehovah for deliverance God raised up a leader to drive the enemy from the land. These military leaders and deliverers were called Judges. Their activities covered a period of quite three hundred years, roughly speaking. It is the purpose of the Book of Judges to give a history of the exploits of these military leaders. The outstanding heroes whom the Lord raised up to chastise these invading hordes were Othniel, Ehud, Deborah, with Barak, Gideon, Jephtha, and Sampson. Each of these won great victories over particular enemies: Othniel over the Assyrians; Ehud over the Moabites; Deborah and Barak over the Canaanites; Gideon over the Midianites and Amalekites; Jephtha over the Amonites; and Sampson over the Philistines. There was an interim of peace and prosperity between the achievement of these respective leaders. Few of these invasions swept the whole land, so the victories achieved were more or less local and tribal. The national spirit had not crystalized into an organic oneness of purpose and activity. There was no national consciousness and ideals in this period of Israel's history. It is the heroic achievement of Gideon over the Midianites and Amalekites, under the Providential direction of God, which our lesson invites us to study. For seven long years the Midianites had harassed the land. Swarming in like grasshoppers at the harvest season, consuming the fruits of the field, driving away the herds from the pastures and forcing the people to flee for safety to the mountains, reducing the land to desolation. Under such conditions Gideon is introduced to us. Alert, prudent and brave; some of the

fruits of his field, he has borne to a secret place and is engaged thrashing out the grain with a stick. Doubtless, deeply absorbed in meditation upon the past history of God's dealing with his people, and oppressed with the conviction that the withdrawal of Jehovah's protection was due to the unfaithfulness of his people, and hopeless of the restoration of divine favor until the people repented of their idolatry and turned in humble devotion to the God of Israel, the angel of the covenant appeared to him. The appearance of the angel and his solution brought a rift in the cloud which hung in darkness over Gideon and his people. To satisfy his faith, to assure himself that the heavenly visitant was the Angel of His presence whom Israel had forsaken, he brought an offering and placed it upon a rock, which the touch of the angel's staff there came out a fire and consumed it. There was no longer need for a confirmation as to the personality of the celestial messenger. Jehovah had found Gideon, he had helped Gideon to find himself and the work he was to do. Would he obey? The work he was to do must begin at home in his father's house. His father's altar, as chief of his clan at Orphrob, erected to Baal, and the Asherah, the symbol of the vile worship of Astarle must be destroyed an altar to Jehovah. All of this quickly done, and on the altar built to Jehovah was offered a second bullock of his father Joash, destined to be offered to Baal. Those who are to serve God begin with himself and his own family. The spirit of Jehovah clothed Gideon. At the blast of the trumpet his own clan of Abiezes followed after him. Swift messengers bore the tidings throughout Manasseh, and whole tribes rallied to Gideon's banner. Ashur and Naphtali and Zebulun obeyed the summons of the newly called chieftain, who was to drive the Midianites from their borders. Twenty-two thousand men formed Gideon's army against a hundred and thirty-five thousand Midianites. The disparity in the numerical strength of the two armies could easily have inspired in the heart of Gideon the gravest fears of defeat, had he relied upon the strength of his army, or his military genius, but his faith was in God and not in men. That no ground of even a bare suggestion that the coming victory was gained by human strength or heroic, he was commanded to decimate his army. The method employed was easily and effective. All who were lacking in courage were permitted to withdraw, and twelve thousand fell out of line, leaving only ten thousand men, a paltry few to join battle with an army outnumbering them more than thirteen to one. Brave were these warriors to remain loyal to their leader as they viewed from

the tents of the covering the valley of Jesreel.

1. Now would God put to the severest test Gideon's faith, "And Jehovah said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water; and I will try them there for thee; and it shall be of whom I say unto thee, this shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I shall say unto thee, this shall not go with thee, the same shall not go. So he brought down the people unto the water: And Jehovah said unto Gideon, Everyone that lappeth the water with his tongue as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself, likewise everyone that boweth down upon his knees to drink. And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men, but all the rest bowed down upon their knees to drink water." (Verses 4-7.) There is no evidence that Jehovah disclosed to Gideon the nature of the test, by which he was going to reduce the number of his army, but he promptly obeyed the command and marched his men down to the water's edge. It was not his to ask the how or the why, but his to obey. The test was simple and effective. Gideon must have felt the foundation of his faith tremble when he saw more than ninety-seven per cent eliminated from the ranks of his army. But these three hundred were possibly true and tried warriors, whose dauntless courage and flaming faith made them restless to meet the foe and drive them from the land. As if to encourage and strengthen Gideon's faith in the presence and power of Israel's God, and to break down, once for all, any confidence in human strength, he reduced Gideon's army to the minimum. God sometimes shuts out the last ray of hope of help from any earthly source that our extremity may become his opportunity. It is not by might of men we win the victory, but by the spirit of the Lord.

2. "And Jehovah said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped, will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thy hand." These three hundred were fine spirits, vigilant, fearless and restless for the fray. Their impatience for the conflict, their knowledge of the treachery of the enemy and of the advantage which might accrue to the Midianites, by such a delay, as would be required for ten thousand men to bow down to drink, did not pause, but keeping step, they threw the water into the mouth with their hands. Such are the men God chooses to fight his battles, and overcome the powers of evil. Brave, vigilant, self-sacrificing, self-forgetful, confident of the righteousness of their cause, who smile at impossibilities under the leadership of God. Such are the men God trusts to win the victory. Such were the men Jehovah would have Gideon believe in, as his instruments in driving out the Midianites from the land. God prepared Gideon for the battle by confirming his faith in the divine presence and power. God and three hundred men of his own choosing can conquer the world.

3. The nine thousand seven hundred who bowed down to drink were sent away from the scene of action. They were too cowardly to fight the battle, and too undeserving to witness the victory, or share its glory. Dishonored of God, they were sent back to their homes in disgrace, while their character and conduct were stigmatized with the seal of infamy. "So the people took victuals in their hands, and their trumpets; and he sent all the men of Israel, every man unto his tent, but retained three hundred men; and the camp of Midian was beneath him in the valley." (Verse 8.) What a scene these words flash before our eyes. Nine thousand and seven hundred men retiring from the scene of the approaching battle, while the three hundred chosen ones are preparing themselves for the assault upon the camp of the Midianites in the valley below them. Then the equipment of the three hundred is too impotent to inspire any confidence in victory for "Gideon's Band". Only so much food as they could carry in their hands, and three hundred lamps and pitchers! The meagerness of their numbers and the impotence of their weapons present a picture suggestive of the timidity and pathos. Their real strength was in Jehovah, and not in numbers of men, and death dealing weapons of war.

4. Jehovah sought to further strengthen Gideon's faith. He commanded him to go down under cover of darkness to the camp of the Midianites, the Malekites, to "hear" what they say. Gideon went down with his attendant, Purah. When in earshot of the armed men, he heard one of them relating a dream which was a forecast of the overthrow of Midianites, and the victory of Gideon and his three hundred. Gideon worshipped and returned to his brave men, and told them what he had heard, assuring that Jehovah had given over the enemy into their hands. The last preliminary to the battle was the division of his army into three companies, instructing each division as to the part each was to take, and the method of the assault. (See Verses 10-18.) "So Gideon and the hundred men that were with him came to the outermost watch, when they had newly set the water; and they blew the trumpet and break in pieces the pitchers that were in their hands. And the three companies blew the trumpets, and break the pitchers and held the torches in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands, wherewith to blow; they cried, 'The sword of Jehovah and of Gideon!' And they stood, every man in his place round about the camp; and they shouted, and put them to flight." (Verses 19-21.) Consternation reigned throughout the camp, confusion and dismay spread everywhere, courage failed and the frenzy of despair turned them into engines of self-destruction. The Midianites and Amalekites became the weapons in the hands of Gideon and his brave three hundred. The sound of the trumpets, the shouts of the three hundred rending ears and the hearts

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of the enemy with the slogan, "The Sword of Jehovah and of Gideon" were the drum beat, calling the marauding hordes to madness and self-slaughter. These Midianites on that dark and fatal night could have easily overcome the brave three hundred, but they were called upon to meet Jehovah in the valley of Jes-reel, and awful was their defeat. The fight was not with men, but with God. Heed the injunction, "Prepare to meet thy God".

#### Some Practical Lessons

1. That the covenanted blessings of God are dependent upon a humble and loyal obedience to His will.

2. That a loyal devotion and service to God are an indispensable condition to a life of comfort, safety, prosperity and happiness in the temporal affairs of our earthly existence.

3. That God seeks to call men back to his service and the blessings of his loving kindness, however grossly they may have seemed against him.

4. That he assures those who love and serve Him of His directing wisdom, and energizing power to grasp His unfolding purpose and the strength to accomplish the work He assigns them with His presence and power. Those who love and serve Him can accomplish the impossible.

5. With the most unpromising agencies and the weakest means, God can overthrow the powers of men and devils, and upon the ruins establish the Kingdom of truth and righteousness on the earth.

6. That faith in God is the nexus which links men to the unfailing source of the supernatural power which enables men to work wonders in the overthrow of evil and the uplift of mankind.

"I can do all things through Christ who makes me strong" are the words of Paul, the noblest hero of God's chosen ones.

#### WILL CHURCHES AS A WHOLE MATCH THE LOYALTY OF THE WOMEN AND THE BAPTIST STUDENTS?

When the Baptist churches of the South, in their entirety, get the causes of missions, Christian education and benevolences as much upon their hearts, as have the organized women and the Baptist college students of the South, all the money that is needed for the adequate financing of every department of the denomination's work will be immediately forthcoming.

Under the leadership of the W. M. U. Headquarters at Birmingham, the local Woman's Missionary Societies throughout the South propose to reinforce the Cooperative Program this year in a greater fashion than ever before. In connection with the annual week of prayer in the interest of the Lottie Moon offering for foreign missions a message on the whole Cooperative Program will be brought every day, and the women in the local churches will offer their assistance to the pastors and deacons in putting on the Every-Member Canvass for the Cooperative Program in 1927. In

the event any church should fail to put on this canvass for the entire membership, the Woman's Missionary Society proposes to see to it that all the women and girls of the congregation are canvassed and asked to make a subscription to the Cooperative Program.

As a means of creating an interest which will result in the payment of subscriptions, once they have been made, the W. M. U. proposes to follow the same general plan in connection with its week of prayer in behalf of home missions next March, when the Cooperative Program as a whole will again be presented each day, and the services of the women volunteered in helping out on a canvass in such churches as have not taken one up to that time.

At the recent All-Southern Baptist Student Conference at Birmingham the chief note of regret heard from the students, scores of whom are anxious to give their lives to mission service at home and abroad, was that the debts on the Home and Foreign Mission Boards make it impossible for these boards to send out any new missionaries for the present, when hundreds of young people are prepared and anxious to go.

That the students have the heroic faith and devotion that should challenge our churches everywhere to a more liberal support of the Cooperative Program and all the causes embraced therein, is indicated in the following resolution enthusiastically adopted by them:

"Our interest in home and foreign missions is renewed and stimulated. We direct the attention of those students whose souls are burning with zeal for service toward the innumerable fields of Christian endeavor in our home land, where a vast number of us will spend our lives. We wish to state that our faith is unwavering in the conquering Christ and his will and ability to send the men and women of our student generation to the foreign fields speedily. We pledge to give ourselves, our money, and our prayers unceasingly until the victory over mission board debts is won.

"In the light of this, we recommend that all Southern Baptist students bind themselves to enter whole-heartedly into the stated weeks of prayer and giving to missions. We pledge ourselves to back in our local churches the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists."

There is no low note in the message of the students nor in the plans of the women.

If all our churches everywhere could catch their spirit and resolve that this season they will make a truly worthy effort in the enlistment of every member possible in supporting our general cooperative work during 1927, it will count for more than anything else we know of toward lifting the debts on our mission boards and other agencies and sending them forth with new vision, purpose and efficiency toward the accomplishment of the great tasks God has laid out before them. A combination of zeal, faith and work is needed for this all-important task.

#### OUR EDUCATIONAL NEEDS IN MISSISSIPPI

G. T. Howerton, Starkville, Miss.

We need above all things in college life that our students learn a right and righteous system of economics. Most of our troubles arise from our failure to learn wisdom in regard to the creation and use of wealth. So long as we borrow money to live on we are borrowing trouble. So long as we "send folks to school" at the expense of some one else's money we are on the wrong road. There is nothing we can learn right now that we so need to learn as that the "credit system" is dangerous. Under our present constitutions of school life—especially college life—there are just two ways for one to get through college: 1. To allow some one else to send him; or 2. To borrow money to go on. Neither of these develops self-reliance or teaches truth about life. On the other hand both these ways teach the way of the credit system—the way of danger and final failure. It is the patriotic duty of every college, the religious duty of every college to put on a plan by which every single student can support himself through a college course. In all colleges there are a few men and women who are "working their way" through school—and they are almost the only ones who get an education. Now, there is a way by which the schools—all the schools—can put on a plan of self-help for all their students. This is the way of the co-operative courses. This is the way by which every student will be compelled to "earn and learn" in equal periods. There is not a step in modern education which is so essential as this co-operative way. A number of municipalities have put on this plan. The University of Cincinnati has had it for years. Old Antioch College put in one a few years ago. Wichita, Kas., has just established a municipal college on this plan. Every state school and every church school in Mississippi owes it as a duty to its constituents to do just this thing. There is no state in the Union which needs to learn this lesson quite so much as Mississippi does. We are in debt for almost every thing. As a state and as citizens we are deeply in debt. We are in debt for the very schools in which we are proposing to teach wisdom to our youth. We are deeply in debt for most of our newer churches in which we propose to teach the way of wisdom and the way of salvation. And yet there is no present salvation so long as we "go it on credit". There are a score of good reasons why every college in this state should be on this plan—as well as all the A. H. S. and Consolidated Public Schools. The little "book learning" which we are buying on credit and at a high price—as every thing bought on credit is being bought—is far—very far—from real education.

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was in needy circumstances, he sent him the following letter: "Dear Tommy: Trust in the Lord and do right. So shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." He enclosed in the letter a five-pound note. When Tommy "returned thanks," Wesley was greatly delighted with his reply. It ran thus: "Reverend and Dear Sir: I have often been struck with the beauty of the passage you quote, and I am bound to say that I have never found such a useful expository note on it before."—Christian Register.



### "MY DAYS ARE SWIFTER THAN A WEAVERS SHUTTLE"

The above is the language of Job. I am not using it as a text but as a kind of seed thought for some things I want to write.

Existence on this earth is simply a short trip through time to eternity. I hope to be in Jackson for a little while, in a few days. In reality it does not mean that I am going to Jackson. It means that I am going by Jackson, on my way to the grave, and to a boundless eternity on the other side of it.

When I look straight back, to the beginning of my life, in this world, it seems but a little while since I was a small child. When I review the trials, the sorrows the toils and dangers, and sufferings through which I have come, it seems as though I have been here a thousand years. Near four score years are looking back at me. More than fifty of these have been spent in preaching the gospel, mostly to the poor, and I am still preaching to all who have the opportunity and want to hear me.

Forty years ago, I helped Brother John Brunson in a meeting at Oak Grove Church near Meridian. Last Sunday I was there and preached to the children and grandchildren of the noble men and women who composed the membership of the little church at that time. The location was familiar, but that was all. Another house was built, long ago, to take the place of the little church that then stood by the road-side. It is now only a memory. Those who were active in their church, at that time have gone from the walks of men. Their bodies sleep in the cemetery there, or in others, near by.

The meeting of forty years ago was one of the best I ever conducted. From the first service the church appeared to be thoroughly united in heart and purpose. The meetings increased in interest with every service, until it seemed that the Holy Spirit ordered and controlled every thing connected with it. I doubt if any one who attended it was more benefitted by it than myself.

I went up to Meridian on Saturday afternoon, and was met at the depot, by Bro. J. A. Pigford, and his wife and son. His home is several miles in the country, and is one of the best and most comfortable I have seen in any city or country. I had a pleasant evening, a good night's rest, and was in good condition for the days work. We were at the church an hour before preaching time. Quite a number were already on the ground when we arrived. Sunday School was soon on hand. It is one of the best conducted I have seen. You could not tell when it closed or when the preaching service began. Each was a part of the other.

I had as good attention as it is possible to give to any body. After preaching Brother Walter Parker carried me to his home where I had dinner and spent a pleasant two hours before going into town for the evening train. I found that Sister was a grand-daughter of Dr. and

Mrs. J. P. Welch, who formerly lived at Alamuchy, and were members of Salem Church, at that place. Here is where I commenced preaching, when I had been preaching only three months, and had tried to preach not more than a half dozen times. Dr. Welch, in conference, moved that I be called to the pastorate of the church, and that a time be set for my ordination. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Dr. and Sister Welch were among the best friends I ever had, all the days of their lives. I cannot express the feelings that came over me when I found that I was in the home of this grand-daughter who is now herself, "a mother in Israel."

Her husband, Brother Parker, is a grand-son of an old school-mate, Joe Jemison, formerly of Alabama, but in later years, a citizen of Lauderdale County. I felt like I wanted to remain longer, but duty made it necessary for me to come home.

Of course I could not, in the short time I had with these children of my dear friends and associates of my younger days, learn much about conditions there, religiously, but I saw some things that impressed me favorably. I believe that their local finances are the best managed of any church I have seen. This speaks a great deal, for with a great many there is no management at all.

I met many whose mothers and fathers were the "salt of the earth." I would like to mention their names, but space is too limited. My earnest prayer is that God will bless them all, and that they will not forget "the day of small things."

Christian love to them all.

L. E. Hall.

### SOME BELATED REPORTS Owen Williams

My summer privileges were to be with my brethren in meetings as follows:

With J. W. Eidson at Kilmichael for a week with some added to the church, and a wonderful fellowship:

With B. E. Phillips at Stonewall in Simpson County, with services twice each day, wonderful dinners between and some few added to the church there:

With Earl Brooks, ex-Mississippian, at Grand Junction Tenn., for ten days where several were received into the fellowship of the church:

Then at Pine Bluff in Copiah County with W. W. Grafton to sing, the pastor preaching where the Lord gave us some more souls to fellowship in that church:

A week then at L. H. Yarborough's mill in western Copiah in the store during the rain and under the trees in better weather, rather small groups of people came each night to hear the Word; and then,

With M. P. Jones at Gatesville for a week where again the Lord manifested Himself by saving some and adding them to the church, with some others by letter.

These experiences in the fellowship of the brethren and churches added further to the joy we have

had in trying to serve with pastors and churches in Mississippi. Every man of these is using his opportunities under the Spirit to the Glory of God, and God is blessing them. Brooks is now in school in LaGrange, Mo., preparing for better service.

### ADDRESS OF DR. SYDNEY W. JOHNSTON AT DEDICATION OF ALUMNI BUILDING

Mr. President, my friend, on behalf of the Alumni Association, I present to you for the future use of Mississippi College boys this building, which you yourself designed and built, and may God so direct the activities of our athletic association that every brick and stone within its walls reverberate to the success and glory of our grand old Alma Mater.

Various sports were cultivated hundreds of years before the Christian era, but it was for the Greeks to reach the highest degree of perfection in the Olympic games. After the conquest of England by the Normans athletic sports became very popular, but as lust for war and bloodshed seemed to have filled the minds of the people we do not hear of any sports during the next

few centuries. Later we find Henry the Eighth advocating and practicing athletics and his secretary went so far as to say that the sons of noblemen should practice sports and leave study and learning for sons of meaner people. About the year 1510 Thomas Elyot wrote, "That a discreet master may with much more ease both to himself and his scholar lead him by teaching him tennis rather than by flogging him so much". Football during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries became very popular, but during the middle of the sixteenth century it was succeeded by other games and did not come back into its own until the year 1837. In America athletic sports which had fallen into disuse were revived in 1870 and in 1888.

There was formed an association known as the "Amateur Athletic Union". It was not until the late '90s that athletics became a part of college life. Throughout all the centuries we find that during the time when athletic events were popular the people advanced in learning and

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civilization and during the periods in which athletics were neglected the nations retrograded in morals and in learning. It is a well known and indisputable fact that between the age of 14 and 22 the boy's body and mind are more easily trained and his success or failure in life depends more on the training he received during this time than all other years combined. If his mind is developed and his body neglected he becomes a failure just as surely as if his body had been developed and his mind left untrained. Olympia, the site of the great athletic games stands today as a monument to the great truth that Greece taught when she said that the body of man has a glory as well as his intellect and spirit and that body and mind should alike be disciplined and trained and that by harmonious discipline of both man becomes more like God.

Realizing that the sole purpose of Mississippi College is to so develop boys that they will become leaders of men, perfect in stature, proficient in learning and God-like in manners, and believing like the Greeks that the body of the boy is his glory as well as his mind, the President of our College and the Alumni decided to build a tabernacle that would be fit for Mississippi College boys, a building to be used for the developing of the body and one that would be worthy of the men who were to be trained in it. You have before you today the result of our visions, of our dreams and of our hopes. You have before you a building worthy of our great President, our trustees and our faculty—a building erected and dedicated to the development of the body so that it will be more like God.

#### CECIL B. DEMILLE AND THE LIFE OF CHRIST

By A. D. Muse

The announcement is made that Cecil B. DeMille, who produced the picture "The Ten Commandments", is now arranging to produce another Bible picture, the "Life of Christ". Mr. DeMille is a Unitarian in religion. How he can produce the life of Christ is beyond me. The word Christ is "the anointed of the Lord" and is the equivalent of the Hebrew word "Messiah". He was begotten of the Holy Ghost and born of a virgin. Either that or He is the bastard, illegitimate son of a fallen woman, or else the New Testament

record is false all together. Either one would disqualify Mr. DeMille to reproduce the life of Christ with his endorsement. If He is the Son of God Mr. DeMille does not believe it. To reproduce it is to endorse a lie. If He was born outside of wedlock Mr. DeMille is making a hero of a bastard. If the whole story is a fake Mr. DeMille is furthering the greatest imposter that was ever foisted upon the world. In either event it is poor taste for Mr. DeMille to tamper with it.

Still further bad taste is it for Mr. DeMille, whose yacht is noted for bootleg whiskey and wild parties, to equal the wine tub bath party in New York which Irwin Cobb attended recently, to attempt to reproduce the life of the one, lonely, meek, humble, pure and chaste and noble life that even the Unitarians attribute to Jesus of Nazareth.

There is something worse than all that, and that is the great mass of millions of Christians and so called Christians, who will pay hard coin to see the life of their blessed Saviour made a matter of merchandise by the Godless gang of Hollywood.

When my blessed Lord looks from the skies and sees the teeming millions of His followers file by the box office and cash in to the licentious, lustful, law-defying, home ruining, depraved, degrading, and polluted gang, the moviedom of Hollywood, in their blasphemous, sacrilegious impersonations of his spotless, sinless, guileless life here for sinners, what will be the humiliating blush of His thorn scarred brow and tear scalled cheeks? Think of Hollywood, lustful Hollywood, licentious Hollywood, the rendezvous of human vultures that foster Poli Negri, Charlie Chaplin, the number of whose wives have been lost sight of, whose last marriage was performed in a lone house at midnight in the recesses of the mountain fastness of Colorado, and when only a few months later the offspring came he said, "It does look like me", and Fatty Arbuckle of whom Hollywood agreed he had done no more than any other man would have done, featuring the God of man's salvation! Surely if ever angels weep

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Shaw, Miss.

#### PONCHATOULA, LA.

Grenada—Have just returned from a two weeks' meeting with the Ponchatoula, La., church. The following is a clipping from the Memphis Commercial Appeal of November 10th, the day before our meeting closed:

"For two weeks the revival has been in progress at the First Baptist Church of our city, with Dr. W. E. Farr, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Grenada, Miss., doing the preaching. Never in the history of our town has there been a revival with such glorious results as this one. Dr. W. E. Farr has delivered the greatest messages ever heard in any church of our city. The whole town is happy over the wonderful blessings that have come our way. To this writing 153 have united with the Baptist Church, yet all the churches will get new members from the meeting. The meeting is to close Tuesday night."

Rev. Ray Dykes is the pastor of

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this church. Brother Dykes is a graduate of Mississippi College at Clinton, also a graduate of our Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky. He went from the last named city to Ponchatoula July 1st of this year and immediately threw himself into the work of this great church. The prospects in that section for real Holy Ghost work are unlimited and Brother Dykes is the "man of the hour." I am glad to say God is graciously using him. May His blessings be upon this church and people.

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## JOTTINGS FROM LOUISVILLE

The second quarter of this session began Monday, Nov. 15th. Last week was "judgment" week, but the effects of examinations were helped by an interesting program on Saturday, which was Missionary Day.

At the Mississippi Group meeting, the program was as follows: The meeting was called to order by the president, Bro. Howard E. Spell. After a song and prayer Miss Rosalind Shepherd read the minutes of the last meeting, and this was followed by two splendid talks by Brethren Evanson and Harris, who have been missionaries to China. The burden of Bro. Harris' message was an exhortation for us as Christian workers to magnify our office, and Bro. Evanson's theme was that Christ is a light to the Gentiles.

Dr. Dobbins conducted the devotional at the beginning of the morning's exercise after all students and the faculty had met for the main program. Some of the items of the report on Student Activities were: Sermons preached, 543; Bibles distributed, 59; conversions, 137; baptisms, 78; tithers secured, 15. This is the report for the month of November.

The entire Seminary rejoiced to hear Dr. Mullins, who has recently returned from his European trip, where he studied the conditions and opportunities of Christianity in Europe. He began his address by saying that freedom of worship has long been held among Christians. This is one of the greatest blessings in the ongoing of Christianity. Three main thoughts were outstanding in Dr. Mullins' address. First, Europe has a note of despair and darkness. All over the country the Baptist Movement comes by spontaneous combustion. Second, the Baptist Movement meets with two difficulties. One is that of passivism, and the other is literalism. He gave an illustration of literalism. "Become as little children" was practiced in making mud pies and riding stick horses. Third, the great and crying need is spirituality. Our task is a spiritual one, and the personalities needed are the big, fine ones filled with spirituality and love. Love is the only sure cure for the errors and sorrows of war. In closing, Dr. Mullins brought before us the thought that earthly kingdoms of Europe have passed on, and the Kingdom of Christ is progressing. As the tourist walks in Europe he seems to be treading on bits of crowns torn from the heads of monarchs, snatched from their brows and crumbled into dust. Several times he referred to hearing a splendid choir sing Handel's Messiah, and said that a part of the chorus still rings in his ears—"Hallelujah! He shall reign forever!"

At the beginning of the new quarter a number of new students have entered the Seminary, and we hope they will find it a blessing to them.

—Richard H. Campbell.

## CAPT. WADE H. SMITH

It was my pleasure and privilege

to be the pastor of Brother Smith while he lived in Denver, Colorado. He was also a member of The Gordon Bible Class, a men's class in the Beth Eden Baptist Church of that city.

I can testify to the high esteem in which Brother Smith was held by the membership of the church. Although he suffered much and was very much of the time deprived of the privileges of church attendance, his faith never wavered. His loyalty to Christ and the church was inspiring. He insisted on giving to the support of the work when sometimes members of the church thought he was doing too much. He found real pleasure in making sacrifices for the cause. In his last illness, though a great sufferer, he was patient and courageous as a Christian. His thought was for others.

Those who had fellowship with him rejoice in his present happiness with his Lord, but feel keenly the loss of his presence with them. Our loving sympathy and prayers are with his mother, wife and other members of the family.

Very sincerely,

—F. W. Starring.

## TILLATOBA SUNDAY SCHOOL BECOMES STANDARD

The Tillatoba (Yalobusha County) Baptist Sunday School has been made Standard, by the help of God. All the requirements contained in the First Standard of Excellence have been met, and the school has been enrolled with the Southern Baptist Convention as an addition to the long list of similar schools in the South. An account of how the Standard was attained and a relation of the benefits coming from it might be helpful to other churches.

The plan for putting on the program originated principally with the noble Superintendent, Mr. J. O. Ellett. He saw the good that would come from attaining the Standard, and he resolved that the Sunday School should reach this goal. That was in the Spring of 1926. Accordingly, he secured the Standard of Excellence poster and placed it in the church auditorium. He then made a plea for the cooperation of the entire school in meeting the requirements one by one. This cooperation was heartily promised and as faithfully given. One-half of the ten requirements were met immediately. The officers and teachers then gathered in a Workers' Council and made plans for completing the program. Two definite steps were decided upon: First, to build an addition of two Sunday School rooms to the church building; second, to hold a Sunday School Normal Course during the Summer. Little difficulty was encountered in getting funds for the construction of the two rooms. By late Summer these rooms stood virtually complete. The Normal Course, though not attended in large numbers, was a great success. A very efficient State Worker, Rev. Merrill D. Moore, conducted the class. In this course detailed instruction as to the

grading and as to the other requirements of the Standard was given. With this knowledge in hand, the Superintendent, together with other officers and teachers, completed the Standardizing work. On October 1, the Sunday School was recognized as Standard.

Three chief benefits showed themselves as a result of the completed work. First, the average attendance was increased by approximately three-fourths. Nearly all student possibilities were enrolled. Second, the teaching force became noticeably more efficient. The Word of God was taught more fully and more clearly. More thorough teaching, too, was possible because of grade division and more ample teaching space. Third, the Sunday School spirit was bettered. Enthusiasm and interest were heightened. Willing minds manifested themselves in willing hand, and the Sunday School became a more positive factor in the community.

Every Baptist Sunday School in Mississippi can meet the Standard, if it will try. May the same Father, who enabled the Tillatoba Sunday School to reach the Standard encourage your church to undertake this worthy task and—succeed.

—The Pastor.

## PROFESSORS SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY VISITING STATE CONVENTIONS

(By Lewis A. Myers, Publicity Director Seminary)

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, squarely behind our denominational work in the states, through its faculty, visits all state conventions. This touch and fellowship is helpful to the institution. Thirteen conventions are being visited between October 19 and December 7.

Professors visiting and scheduled to visit the various conventions are as follows: Dr. W. T. Conner, of the Systematic Theology Department, visiting Missouri Convention at St. Louis; Professor E. L. Carlson, of the Old Testament Department, Illinois at DuQuoin; Dr. W. W. Barnes, Professor of Church History, Virginia at Danville and North Carolina at Wilmington; Mrs. W. B. McGarity, Superintendent of Training School, Oklahoma at Enid and New Mexico at Las Cruces; Professor Courts Redford, School of Religious Education, Oklahoma at Enid; Dr. Albert Venting, Professor of Philosophy of Religion, Kentucky at Lebanon and Tennessee at Memphis; Dr. J. M. Price, Director School of Religious Education, Mississippi at Jackson and Alabama at Mobile; Dr. B. A. Copuss, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, Louisiana at Natchitoches; Dr. W. R. White, Arkansas at Little Rock.

Among those visiting the Texas Convention at San Antonio will be Dr. J. D. Ray, of the Homiletics Department, Professor B. B. McKinney, Music Department and President L. R. Scarborough.

## IN MEMORIAM

## MRS. EMMA WILSON WHITE

I miss you, mother, since you went away,  
I miss you, mother, the live long day,  
I miss you while the birds doth sing,  
I miss you, dear, in everything.

I am lonely, mother, since you went away,  
And sadder by far than I can say,  
But, we believe and know you are at rest,  
Believing that Jesus does all things best.

Mother, dear mother, the time has seemed long  
Since you left me so sad and forlorn,  
But we know with you again we shall meet,  
And will walk with thee on Heaven's bright street.

Mother, dear mother, we miss you so,  
Dear old mother of the long ago,  
Then again mother of the present time,  
For you the happy bells of Heaven chimed.

For those bells of Heaven chimed for you!  
Dearest of hearts that child ever knew,  
Oh, we are so sad and the tears fill our eyes,  
But we shall see thee again in the sweet bye and bye.

Thursday P. M., Jan. 28, 1926.

—F. B. W. Frazier.

To the memory of my sainted Mother, Mrs. Emma Wilson White, who fell asleep in Jesus Jan. 16, 1925.

—Fannie Belle White Frazier.

## THE PASSING OF REV. S. M. ELLIS, D.D.

Aug. 7, 1854—Oct. 18, 1926

A feeling of loneliness possessed me when Dr. S. M. Ellis, my Christian brother and the Lord's servant, fell asleep in Christ Oct. 18, 1926.

When I entered Mississippi College in the fall of 1882, I found Bro. Ellis a ministerial student in a neat cottage with a wife and some small children. I learned from others that he had been a most successful, unregenerated young business man at Steen's Creek. Under the preaching of Bro. M. L. Martin he was converted, and yielding to the call to the ministry, sold his large business and entered Mississippi College.

I was a young country school teacher. I was not at the time a ministerial student. I had felt the call, but had not yielded.

Somehow, Bro. Ellis and I found in each other a congenial spirit. My association with him helped me to feel sure of God's call and assisted me no little in yielding cheerfully and even gladly to my Heavenly Father's call to me to preach the unsearchable riches of grace in Christ Jesus. My sacrifices, (if sac-



rifices they may be called), in diverting the activities of my ambition from secular to religious channels, were nothing compared to the sacrifices he had made in selling his large farming and mercantile interests, and devoting his time and talents to the gospel ministry.

From the fall of 1882 until the spring of 1885, Bro. Ellis and I studied the same textbooks, recited to the same teachers, stood the same examinations, and received our diplomas together from the hands of the sainted W. G. Webb.

Brother Ellis was a preacher of the old school and a fundamentalist. It grieved him greatly in his latter years because he could see quite a number of his denomination leaning towards liberalism and materialism.

He was a man of marked natural ability, a real student and an accurate thinker.

He allowed no one to do his thinking. When he arrived at a conclusion as to what was scriptural and right he was unswerving in his devotion to it.

At times he may have appeared to some, very intolerant, but to him it was not intolerance but fidelity to what he believed to be his duty and loyalty to Him, to whom he surrendered in his conviction.

Bro. Ellis, during all the years of his life, was noted for his hospitable, Christian home. He delighted to entertain his friends. In our college days at Clinton, I was often in his hospitable home. It was a delight to the young country school teacher to be in the presence of such a talented, charming, graceful spirit as Mrs. Ellis.

Dr. Gambrel was often entertained in this hospitable, Christian home. On one occasion he thoughtlessly said in Mrs. Ellis' presence: "Bro. Ellis, what a pity you are handicapped with the burden of a family while you are getting an education". Sister Ellis quickly replied: "I want you to understand, sir, that I am a help and not a burden to my husband".

Bro. Gambrel, of course, very graciously apologized, as only Bro. Gambrel could do.

Mrs. Ellis was a suitable help to her husband as all knew who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. She preceded Bro. Ellis many years to the glory land.

For a few years he fought life's battles alone. Then he selected another companion and help-mate, who walked by his side, fought life's battles, shared life's joys and sorrows, in the very finest Christian spirit. She nursed him during his long illness with great tenderness and Christian fortitude.

At the funeral service, I would have taken my seat with the sorrowing wife and children, if I had consulted my feelings, but the family willed it otherwise. With a feeling of loneliness, I conducted the funeral service of my beloved college chum, classmate, devoted friend, brother in Christ, co-worker in the ministry.

—J. W. Lee.

#### Mrs. J. J. Tucker

"But thou; Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death."

It may be in the rosy dawn of dimpled babyhood; it may be in the heyday of radiant youth; it may be as the busy laborer garners in the ripened sheaves; it may be when the last raven lock is silvered over, and the tired hands would rest; when black grief enters our home and pelts our numbed hearts with the icicles of woe. But to each and all of us that day of sorrow must come. No one realized this more fully than Mrs. J. J. Tucker, nee Miss May Buford. Though still a young woman, when to her that day came October 12, she was ready.

For (Number of years she was member of church) years, as a zealous worker in the Baptist Church she had walked with God, and for many years was a beloved teacher in the Sabbath School. She was loyal in every relation of life and we shall miss her in all our pathways. Of a social disposition, she craved the good will of everyone yet without fawning or the sacrifice of principle.

Frankness and sincerity were among her most pleasing attributes, and her veracity unquestioned. She was quick to forgive and a stranger to malice. She unwittingly, yet beautifully described herself when she said, "I have made it all right with God, and I want it to be all right with everybody". She was a business woman of ability. As a designer, she was highly successful; and although restricted so long to work in the sick-room, her "hand never lost its cunning" in fashioning beautiful and artistic creations.

She is survived by a devoted husband, Mr. J. J. Tucker, and daughter, Mrs. W. S. Owen, a grand-son, W. S. Owen, Jr., and an aged mother, Mrs. E. D. Buford, all of Pickens, also two brothers and three sisters, Mr. J. R. Buford and Mrs. W. S. Atkinson of Jackson, Miss., Mrs. J. P. Rogers, Mrs. J. Z. Willis and Mr. E. C. Buford, all of Pickens. Deepest sympathy is theirs. While they "sorrow not as those having no hope", earth clouds dim the vision and unanswered why's are so leaden darts piercing the sore hearts, but "some day, sometime, we'll understand". Until that time shall come the twin sisters of Faith and Hope, will abide with them, teach them to do His will and pass under the rod.

The sweet Comforter has promised to be with them.

—One Who Knew and Loved Her.

#### DECEASED

Mrs. A. T. Terry, who has been closely associated with Baptist work in New Orleans for a number of years, died on November 9th at 10:50 a. m., and was laid to rest November 10th in Metairie Cemetery.

Mrs. Terry was for 16 years the teacher of the Tulane University class in St. Charles Ave. Church, and her "boys" are here and there over the world. By this notice they will hear of her going. The death was most wonderful in its visions from the Delectable Mountains, and

she urged her children to shed no tears for her and not to wear mourning, but to give their time and money and life to the Master's service.

Her husband, who died more than a year ago, was active in every Baptist enterprise, and served loyally and faithfully and constantly.

The children left are: Mr. A. T. Terry, Jr., and Mr. W. K. Terry, and Mrs. T. B. Sellers, New Orleans, and Mrs. Louis Scarborough, Columbus, Georgia.

—W. W. Hamilton.

#### HEBREW CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

From October 10th to 17th there was held in the city of Atlanta a Hebrew-Christian Conference that accomplished great good in fostering better relations between Gentiles and Jews. This conference was addressed by Dr. Max I. Reich, Dr. Max Wertheimer and Rev. Aaron Judah Kligerman.

Our Evangelist to the Jews, Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, was instrumental in bringing these Hebrew-Christian speakers and ministers of the Gospel to Atlanta.

Great interest was felt by the Christian people of Atlanta in these meetings and they were largely attended.

Resolutions were passed at the close of the meetings, in a large mass meeting of Jews and Gentiles in the city of Atlanta, of which the following is the substance:

These men explained to the enlightenment of all, the complicated Jewish problem, touched our hearts with the recital of Israel's sorrows, proved beyond doubt Jehovah's purpose to make this nation a blessing to the world, expounded the wrong of the anti-Semitic spirit, and pointed the way to happy relations between Gentiles and Jews.

As Christians, deeply concerned for social, economic and racial justice and righteousness among all nations, affirming the right of religious liberty to all, and purposing in our hearts to apply in all of our personal contact with Jews the spirit and teachings of Jesus Christ, we declared we would ever reach out the hand of friendship and Christian love to the descendants of Abraham.

The Christian people of Atlanta feel that this week of conference has been a blessing to all of us who attended the meetings and we believe good has come of them that eternity alone can compute.

Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, our Home Mission Board Evangelist to the Jews, has displayed tact and wisdom in his conduct of these conferences and I can commend him to the Baptist brotherhood.

For Baptists to foster these Hebrew-Christian Conferences is to do much good for the Kingdom of Christ.

—W. M. Seay,

Pres. of the Home Mission Board.

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Make a thorough search through your attic or store room for these old war letters. Fortunes in rare stamps or franked envelopes have been found in old trunks which no one ever dreamed contained anything of value. Keep the letters if you wish, but send the envelopes to Mr. Harold C. Brooks, Box 258, Marshall, Michigan, and he will immediately write you, stating their value. In sending the mto him you are not obliged to sell unless his offer meets with your approval. Anything not purchased he will return in good order. Mr. Brooks, who is mayor of his city, is a private collector and has paid thousands of dollars for old envelopes. Although the rare issues are especially desired he also buys many of the commoner kinds. Many people in this way are getting Christmas money with very little trouble and no expense.

Mr. J. F. Jacobs, the senior member of the firm of Jacobs & Company, advertising representatives of the Baptist Record, has known Mr. Brooks for many years, and vouches for his integrity. On receipt of envelopes he will examine them and report promptly their value. If they are not purchased, he guarantees to return them in good order.

Mr. Brooks states that there are so many different stamps which are similar in appearance he cannot quote values from written descriptions, but must see the envelopes. There are, for example, ten different Confederate government stamps bearing the portrait of Jefferson Davis, and many local stamps or stamped envelopes are very much the same in appearance. The same is true of U. S. issues, the heads of Washington or Franklin being used on different stamps. Mr. Brooks does not buy loose stamps, stamp collections, coins or Confederate money. Stamps should not be cut from the envelopes and no dates written on. He is fully acquainted with all issues even though the postmark may show no year date. Those especially wanted are Confederate issues, but he also buys U. S., Canadian, Hawaiian, and certain foreign stamps, provided they are on the original envelopes and mailed not later than 1865.

If envelopes are sent in a bunch they should be carefully packed in a cardboard box to protect them from damage while in the mails. If you have reason to believe your envelopes are of special value send them by registered mail or insured mail. If you have no old letters written during or before the Civil War, show this notice to your friends—especially those whose families have lived in the same home for several generations. Many old families, old banks and law firms still have stored away hundreds of letters, waiting to be sold for large sums. Before destroying such envelopes or folded letters investigate their value. Mr. Brooks' address is as follows:

HAROLD C. BROOKS,  
Box 258, Marshall, Mich.



## VARIOUS ITEMS FROM LOUISVILLE

On returning after a week's absence I find the Centennial Number of the Record. I have spent most of a shining morning glancing over it, delving in some details of the pictured history of my native State and my dear old Alma Mater. I have never known an achievement of its kind surpassing it. It justifies the name of the state organ, "The Baptist Record". The pictures that have interested me most, stirring a thousand memories, are the storied records and pictures of the men and things of the past that, looked at in retrospect, with all their lights and shadows, successes and failures, struggles, sufferings and achievements, make them entrancing and appealing beyond description. But I must not be decoyed into details.

I am just now, of course, obsessed, as a loving and loyal Mississippian and Alumnus should be, with the coming and call of the Centennial Celebration; but I must not yield to the lure and witchery of this subject either. But, of one picture and its significance I must speak a word. It has for me a more immediate interest and fascination than any of the rest. It is the unique picture that heads the column that is devoted to the man, who, in addition to all his other distinctions and forms of service, has been for years the Editor of the Record. No wonder the man who discovered it in the buried files of the paper felt pride and enthusiasm in reprinting it and pointing out its symbolic significance. The first page of the reproduced Record forms the background of the picture at the center of which, as the writer said, is the face of the man who "plays up" others and their work and fame, their causes and their Christ, while he keeps himself in the background.

I have known enough of that man and his record to justify me, I am sure, in saying the picture is true to history. It is somewhat "youngish", (to be sure), but the likeness is, good, and it is finely set off by the sweet face of his little daughter, Frances, (now a married woman), and it delivers its message. The thoughtful face suggests the character and the serene, high class service the man has rendered during the years of his multiform ministry, while the loving proximity of little Frances reminds us of the domestic harmony and helpfulness that reveal one secret and source of the success of the father's life.

Another picture that compels attention is found on the same page, arresting you by its keen, steadfast, black eyes and intense earnestness. It is that of the man who has become world-famous, and influential as President of the "greatest Theological Seminary in the World", who has been three times President of one of the greatest deliberative bodies in the world, and who is now also President of the Baptist World Alliance. The occasion of its appearance here is to announce that he will speak at the State Convention at Jackson. As the recognized

exponent and champion of Baptist principles, he or someone else has announced as his subject "Baptist Principles". Just now his name has become so associated with that of the royal visitor from Rumania, the popular idol of the days, that many are unable to see how he can denounce and expose the tyranny and treachery of the Rumanian Government as he is doing without a personal clash with the lovable and loving Queen. Most of this must be set down to the credit, or discredit, of certain newspaper reporters who are in for anything sensational, and not very careful to confine themselves strictly to the truth. Fortunately, Dr. Mullins has explained his attitude to the Queen and his position on this delicate subject in terms that cannot be misunderstood. When he reached Louisville the other night he was met by a most representative delegation, as well as by many friends and admirers, and asked for a statement supplemental to the interview he granted newspaper men in New York. Among other things he said, as bearing upon the questions at issue and his attitude toward the good Queen Marie, were these: "I am for the rights of all, not for those of Baptists alone. In raising my voice against official Rumania, I want to make it plain that I do not reflect personally upon Queen Marie. She is not to be blamed herself for the deplorable condition in her country." I might quote many other things Dr. Mullins has said here because I'm sure they have been reported pretty fully by the Associated Press; and I add only this further information about him—that, he will deliver an address on some phase of this subject Saturday night, and will speak also at a city-wide meeting to be held in his honor next Tuesday night at the Warren Memorial Presbyterian Church in the center of the city. He was never more in demand than he is now for all sorts of speeches, sermons and services. But this state of things is not novel to him, and he has acquired sufficient poise, discretion, self-control and power of quick decision to come to his relief and rescue under such circumstances. His friends, of course,

have done and will do all they can to protect and help him so that he may "carry on" in his great life work with as little interruption and strain as possible. We are sure the Lord will spare and bless him until his work is done.

Your brother, friend and co-worker in the Kingdom of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

—Geo. B. Eager.

## DR. BROUGHER LEADS IN EVANGELISM

The First Baptist Church of Oakland, California, is in the midst of a spiritual awakening and ingathering unprecedented in its history of eighty-two years. Since September first a continual stream of new life has been pouring into the church; and the spirit of personal evangelism is manifesting itself in a remarkable degree.

Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher, pastor of the church, is President of the Northern Baptist Convention; and at the recent meeting of that body in Washington he delivered the keynote address on "Christ the Common Denominator", in which he urged a new and general interest in the work of evangelism. He supported with ardor the proposals of Dr. J. C. Massee for a six-months' campaign for the salvation of the lost, with a truce to controversy in the meantime.

In Dr. Brougher's own church at Oakland this program of soul-winning has been insistently advocated ever since the pastor returned from his summer vacation September first. He organized a "G. O. Club" which enlisted upwards of five hundred members, pledged to "Get One" during the year. At every Sunday service Dr. Brougher gives opportunity for visitors to make themselves known and for inquirers to reveal their interest in finding Christ. A "net" comprising fifty or more watchers, tactfully seeks, by personal interviews after the service, to secure names, addresses, and church relations; and by systematic visitation the visitors and inquirers are cared for and shepherded into the church by letter, re-

ation of experience, or baptism, as the case may be.

Through the regular services of the church, and without any unusual devices or extra meetings, 125 new members were received in the sixty-eight days from September first to November seventh.

Dr. Brougher left on November eighth to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention at Chicago and en route addressed Baptist mass meetings as follows:

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